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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council
FROM: Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra
CC: City Clerk Pamela Powers
DATE: August 15, 2023
RE: Appointment of Fire/Rescue Department Chief

I am appointing Assistant Chief Andrew Pelis to the position of Chief of the Northampton Fire/Rescue Department, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Chief Jon Davine, effective immediately.

Assistant Chief Pelis received bachelor's degrees in Natural Resources from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1995 and Fire Science from Anna Maria College in 2007. Pelis began his career as a firefighter in Northampton in 1998, moving through the ranks as a Training Officer, Fire Prevention Officer, Hazmat Technician, Shift Captain, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, and now Chief.

Assistant Chief Pelis is a native of Northampton and a graduate of Northampton High School. He lives in Northampton with his wife Mary and children Abigail, Emilia, Andrew, and Amelia.

As Assistant Chief, Andy received thorough leadership training as part of sound succession planning. He will bring continuity and exceptional competence to the city's Fire/Rescue Department.

I am confident in Assistant Chief Pelis' ability to lead our Fire/Rescue Department and am honored to elevate him to the rank of Chief. I respectfully submit his appointment to the City Council for confirmation in accordance with the Northampton Charter, Article 2, § 2-10.