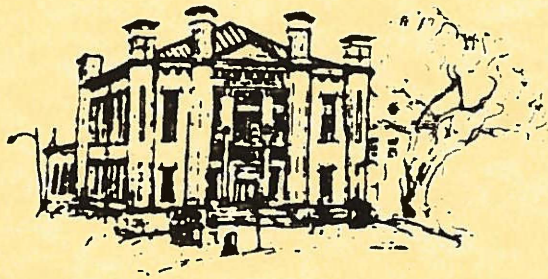


Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

National Friends of Libraries Week October 21st – 28th, 2018

WHEREAS, Friends of the city's libraries raise money that enable our libraries to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year; and,

WHEREAS, the work of the Friends highlight on an on-going basis the fact that our libraries are the cornerstone of the community providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and,

WHEREAS, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community; and so

**NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, hereby proclaim October 21st-28th, 2018, as **Friends of Libraries Week** in Northampton and urge everyone to join the Friends and thank them for all they do to make our libraries and community so much better.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton on this 11th day of October in the year 2018.



David J. Narkewicz
Mayor of Northampton