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City of Northampton

MASSACHUSETTS

In the City Council, August 15, 2019

Upon the recommendation of Councilor William H. Dwight, Councilor Dennis P. Bidwell and Mayor David J. Narkewicz

R-19.122

A Resolution Declaring October 6, 2019 a Day to Commemorate the 1979 Greensboro Massacre and to Reflect on White Supremacy

Whereas, 2019 marks the fortieth anniversary of the Greensboro, North Carolina Massacre, where five demonstrators, while preparing for an anti-Ku Klux Klan rally, were shot and killed by members of the Klan and by American Nazis, leaving ten other demonstrators wounded; and

Whereas, white supremacists are still active in America, spreading hate and murdering people in the streets, churches, synagogues and other gathering places in our communities; and

Whereas, the events in Greensboro forty years ago, and the events of El Paso two weeks ago, remind us of the necessity to challenge white supremacy in all of its forms; and

Whereas, survivors of the Greensboro Massacre will be commemorating the Massacre on October 6, 2019 in Northampton with programs honoring their loved ones and friends lost in 1979, remembering other victims of white supremacy, reflecting on the lessons learned from the Massacre, and examining how this history informs the struggle against white supremacy today;

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the City of Northampton, Massachusetts designates Sunday, October 6, 2019, a Day of Commemoration of the 1979 Greensboro Massacre, and encourages the residents of Northampton to gather that day in remembrance of the historical victims of hate crimes and in rededication to the ongoing struggle against white supremacy and all forms of bigotry.

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Passed First Reading on Roll Call Vote of 7 Yes, 0 No, 2 absent (Councilors Dwight and O'Donnell)

Attest: Lauren Krutts, Clerk of Council

In City Council, September 5, 2019

Passed Second Reading on Roll Call Vote of 9 Yes, 0 No

Attest: Lauren Krutts, Clerk of Council

Approved: David J. Narkewicz, Mayor

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled.

I hereby certify that the above Resolution passed the Northampton City Council on September 5, 2019

David J. Narkewicz, Mayor approved the Resolution on September 6, 2019

Attest: Lauren Krutts, Clerk of Council