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**Statement of Mayor David J. Narkewicz
on the Killing of George Floyd
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I am deeply saddened and profoundly angry about the senseless killing of George Floyd by members of the Minneapolis Police. I wish to add my voice and those of the residents of Northampton in sending condolences to his loved ones. I hope there will be swift justice for Mr. Floyd, and that his killers will be punished.

Moreover, I want our country to take this moment to say that enough is enough, that black lives matter, and that we finally take action to end institutional racism and bias. This is why I support Police Chief Kasper's sincere and considerable efforts to ensure that all people feel welcome in our community, and that all people are treated with respect and dignity by the Northampton Police. Chief Kasper is a recognized leader in working to address these issues through training, transparency, data collection, policies, and hiring. I am proud of the work she has done, of Northampton's Police, and I join my fellow residents in condemning this incident.