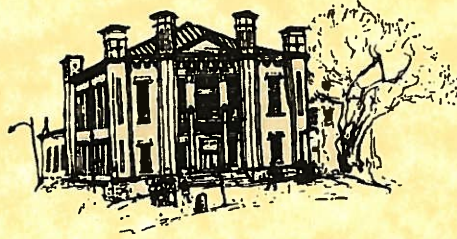


Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Nuclear Ban Day September 26, 2020


- WHEREAS,** the City of Northampton has a long history of supporting the mitigation and abolition of nuclear weapons. In the 1980s our city was among the first nationally to push for the establishment of a Nuclear-Free Zone; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2005, the City of Northampton joined the *Mayors for Peace* initiative, originating from the Mayor of Hiroshima, seeking a ban on the use of nuclear weapons; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2017, over 122 member countries of the United Nations adopted the **Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons** and it is now on its way to becoming international law; and
- WHEREAS,** the United Nations had declared September 26th as the **International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**; and
- WHEREAS,** on December 7, 2017, the Northampton City Council adopted R-17.425, *A Resolution Calling for the United States to "Pull Back from the Brink" and Prevent Nuclear War* seeking U.S. support of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by our federal leaders; and
- WHEREAS,** on September 26th, 2018, I issued an Executive Policy Order requiring the City of Northampton to reduce and eventually eliminate any and all ties to the nuclear weapons industry and as part of said order the city filed special act legislation; and
- WHEREAS,** on July 2nd, 2020, Governor Baker signed into law Chapter 111 of the Acts of 2020 stipulating that, "the city of Northampton may disqualify from an award of a contract a bidder or vendor who participates in the design, manufacture or maintenance of nuclear weapons;" and so
- NOW
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz proclaim September 26, 2020 as

Nuclear Ban Day

and encourage the citizens of our community to be aware of and work towards these important efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and have imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton on this 26th day of September 2020.




Mayor David J. Narkewicz