

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH April 2021

WHEREAS, every child is entitled to be loved, cared for, secure, and protected from verbal, sexual, emotional, and physical abuse, exploitation, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, 2000 local children have received services for abuse at the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County since 2006; and

WHEREAS, by strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, and neglect, opportunities are created for children's growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our communities, where the needs of children are a priority and the needs of families are met; and

WHEREAS, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility that depends on partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.

WHEREAS, each April, the City of Northampton and other supporters of the Children's Advocacy Center of Hampshire County ask the public to join in outreach efforts to reduce and prevent child abuse

**NOW,
THEREFORE,** I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, hereby proclaim that April 2021 will be known as

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH in Northampton

and the Child Abuse Awareness flag will be flown for the month to support and remember the victims and survivors of abuse, and I ask all citizens to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in which we live.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and imprinted the City seal, this 12th day of April in the year 2021.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David J. Narkewicz".

David J. Narkewicz, Mayor