

Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Amtrak Train Day Proclamation May 9, 2015

WHEREAS, on December 29th, 2014 Amtrak passenger rail service was restored to the City of Northampton with the arrival of Amtrak's "Vermont"; and

WHEREAS, Northampton is now one of more than 500 destinations served by Amtrak; and

WHEREAS, Northampton station is the gateway to Hampshire County; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak's "Vermont" provides a direct, efficient and economical transportation service north to Vermont and south, to cities such as Hartford, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, as our nation works to find more energy efficient ways to travel, rail ridership continues to rise. According to the United States Department of Energy, rail contributes less per passenger mile to greenhouse gas emissions than either cars or airplanes; and

WHEREAS, to raise awareness of the vital role railroads plays in our nation's transportation system, Amtrak will be kicking off its annual "Amtrak Train Days" celebration on Saturday, May 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, "Amtrak Train Days" commemorates the driving of the "golden spike" that created the 1,776 miles of transcontinental railway when the Central Pacific and Union Pacific railroads were connected in 1869; and

NOW,
THEREFORE, I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim Saturday May 9, 2015, to be Northampton Train Day.



In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton this 9th day of May, 2015.

Mayor David J. Narkewicz