

Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**BABY-FRIENDLY COOLEY DICKINSON HOSPITAL DAY
FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

- WHEREAS, Baby-Friendly USA awarded Cooley Dickinson Hospital's Childbirth Center with the Baby-Friendly designation, and
- WHEREAS, Baby-Friendly USA is part of global initiative led by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and
- WHEREAS, the designation of Baby-Friendly recognizes hospitals that offer an optimal level of care for breastfeeding mothers and their babies, and
- WHEREAS, if a woman chooses not to breastfeed, or cannot breastfeed due to medical contraindications, safe formula feeding techniques are taught along with skin-to-skin bonding and rooming in, a practice that allows mothers and infants to remain together 24 hours a day, and
- WHEREAS, providing infants with human milk gives them the most complete nutrition possible, while providing an optimal mix of nutrients and antibodies necessary for each baby to thrive, and
- WHEREAS, the Cooley Dickinson Hospital Childbirth Center staff and doctors worked diligently to earn the Baby-Friendly USA designation, and
- WHEREAS, in recognition of the second Childbirth Center in western Massachusetts and the 12th in the Commonwealth to earn Baby-Friendly, which recognizes the Cooley Dickinson Hospital's Childbirth Center's teamwork and compliance with rigorous standards developed to improve health outcomes for moms, families, and babies in our community.
- NOW,
THEREFORE I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim **February 27, 2018** to be **Baby-Friendly Cooley Dickinson Hospital Day** and invite citizens to acknowledge this important achievement.



In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton.

David J. Narkewicz, Mayor