

Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER
RECOGNITION DAY
MAY 5, 2018**

- WHEREAS,** Over the course of more than two centuries of striving and sacrificing, our Country has expanded civil rights and equal protection into our Constitution; and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Northampton shares a common trajectory toward a more free and just society; and
- WHEREAS,** we are also reminded that we are not truly equal until every person is afforded the same rights and opportunities; and
- WHEREAS,** the City has set aside today, May 5, 2018, for the Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender Pride March; and
- WHEREAS,** Northampton Pride is a time to celebrate the incredible strength and diversity of our LGBTQ community and to reflect upon the hard-fought progress we've made fighting for their equality and civil rights; and
- WHEREAS** Pride must also be a time for continued vigilance and activism as our LGBTQ brothers and sisters still face discrimination, violence, and political efforts to roll back those hard-fought rights; and
- WHEREAS,** Without the positive contributions of community members, volunteers, and business people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender, Northampton Pride would not be marking its 37th year. We give a special thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors and vendors who make this event happen; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim today as our annual day of recognition for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons in our community.

In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted the seal of the City of Northampton this 5th day of May, 2018.



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "David J. Narkewicz". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

**David J. Narkewicz
Mayor**