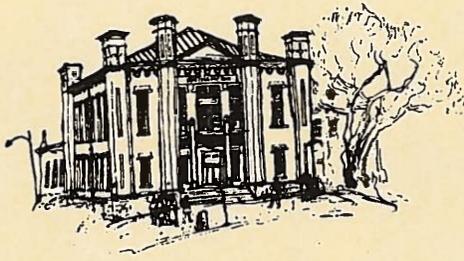


Proclamation



**CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**EARTH DAY
April 22, 2018**

WHEREAS, plastic waste can be found everywhere, land or sea, even in the most remote places on the planet, affecting both humans and animals.

WHEREAS, humankind is currently facing tremendous global challenges, among them the need to manage an increased amount of waste to which plastics will contribute roughly 12,000 million metric tons by 2050.

WHEREAS, approximately only 10% of plastic waste is recycled.

WHEREAS, all people of this Earth, from all walks of life, have a right to a healthy environment and plastic pollution has been associated with several health issues affecting the general population; and

WHEREAS, children, the youth, and the most vulnerable are disproportionately affected by plastic pollution; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to cooperate to find solutions for the plastic waste that is concentrating in several enormous patches in the ocean and that threatens the human food chain; and

WHEREAS, ending plastic pollution is crucial to the survival of this planet and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Earth Day is an annual reminder of the constant need for environmental activism, stewardship commitments, and sustainability efforts.

NOW,

THEREFORE, I, **David J. Narkewicz**, Mayor of Northampton, do hereby proclaim Earth Day, April 22, 2018, to be a day where residents, businesses and institutions celebrate the Earth and promote the wellbeing of the inhabitants of the city/town and the protection of their environment.

**In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted
the City seal, this 22nd day of April in the year 2018.**



**David J. Narkewicz
Mayor**