

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



April 27, 2018

WHEREAS, since 1872, a special day has been set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, the holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, lower our heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

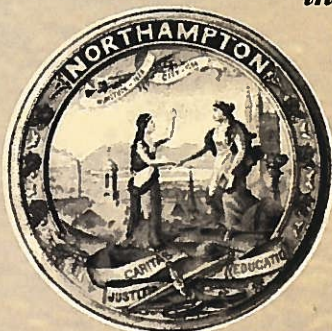
WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City planted 248 new trees and developed the City's first ever Tree List & set of Planting Guidelines. These guidelines were developed to provide residents, developers, and contractors a list of tree species that will thrive in our current and future climates as well as a large species list that that will help to diversity and enhance the current tree canopy's ability fend off pest/disease threats; and,

WHEREAS, integrating urban forestry more significantly into sustainable planning initiatives for Northampton is essential to protecting, promoting and expanding out city's tree canopy; and

NOW,
THEREFORE I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim April 27, 2018, **Arbor Day** in Northampton, and urge all residents to celebrate and support our precious tree canopy for the well-being of this and future generations.

*In Witness whereof, I have set my hand and imprinted
the City seal, this 27th day of April in the year 2018.*



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

Mayor David J. Narkewicz