

# Proclamation



## CITY OF NORTHAMPTON COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

### **Bike Commute Day**

**May 15, 2019**

**Bay State Bike Week**

**May 11-19, 2019**

**WHEREAS,** Bicycling contributes to the health and fitness of residents, provides mobility, does not add to noise or air pollution, and provides an inexpensive and convenient way to commute; and

**WHEREAS,** Bicyclists have the same rights and duties as drivers of other vehicles, including the right to use City streets; and

**WHEREAS,** Bicyclists must follow the traffic laws as other vehicles, both for their own safety and for the safety of others; and

**WHEREAS,** There is much to celebrate in Northampton bicycling including the launch and almost immediate success of ValleyBike, the new electric, pedal-assist bike share system, and the City's first cycle track along Pleasant Street; and

**WHEREAS,** Bicycles are used in a variety of occupations, such as by members of Northampton's Police Department and by the people who haul trash and recycling from our downtown; and

**NOW,  
THEREFORE,** I, David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim **May 15th, 2019** to be:

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in the City of Northampton, and encourage all citizens who are able to bicycle to work or school, and to take cognizance of bicyclists in their travels. I urge citizens to consider bicycling as an efficient, planet-friendly, and enjoyable mode of transportation and recreation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** *I have set my hand and imprinted the City seal, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019.*



**Mayor David J. Narkewicz**