

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TIBET NATIONAL UPRISING DAY MARCH 10, 2022

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2022, Tibetans throughout the world will gather to commemorate the 63rd Anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising against the brutal annexation of their country and pay tribute to more than one million Tibetans who lost their life in their struggle for the freedom of Tibet; and

WHEREAS, the annexation and ongoing suppression of human rights and freedom in Tibet, egregious sinicization of Tibetan Buddhism and the intentional marginalization of Tibetan language, culture and identity should continue to be a concern for all freedom-loving people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, the local community of Tibetan-Americans welcomes the passage of the 2018 Reciprocal Access to Tibet Act and 2020 Tibetan Policy and Support Act, and urges the State Department to robustly implement the programs and directives in the above bills to address systematic and egregious human rights abuses occurring in Tibet; and

WHEREAS, the city of Northampton is home to a small vibrant community of Tibetan Americans who have contributed to the diversity of our culture and tradition; and

WHEREAS, to pay tribute to the brave men and women, including 157 self-immolated Tibetans, who have given their lives for the cause of freedom in Tibet, members of the Regional Tibetan Association of Massachusetts will hold a flag raising ceremony on March 10, 2022 in front of the Northampton Memorial Hall and a Walk for Tibet from Amherst to Northampton.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra do hereby recognize the local Tibetan American community's plea for justice for the people of Tibet on this 63rd Anniversary of Tibetan National Uprising Day and continue to proclaim each March 10, as

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and by displaying the Tibetan National flag from March 10 to March 20, 2022 in front of Memorial Hall, help cultivate awareness for all residents of Northampton.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and have imprinted the Seal of the City of Northampton on this 10th day of March 2022.


Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra