

Proclamation



CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

 **Arbor Day**

April 28, 2017

- 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, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, mitigate climate change, aid in stormwater management, and beautify our community; and
- WHEREAS, in 2016, the City planted 112 trees and completed its first-ever professional public shade tree inventory of 10,000 trees with an estimated replacement value of \$16 million; and
- WHEREAS, integrating urban forestry more significantly into sustainable planning initiatives for Northampton is essential to protecting, promoting and expanding our city's tree canopy; and
- NOW,
THEREFORE I, Mayor David J. Narkewicz, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2017 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 28th day of April in the year 2017.*



A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. J. Narkewicz".

Mayor David J. Narkewicz