

**City of Northampton**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**

*In City Council, April 18, 2013*

*Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Cultural & Recreation Services*

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS: The City of Northampton wishes to pursue a state-authorized cultural district through the enabling legislation approved by the MA State Legislature and Governor's Office; and

WHEREAS: Northampton has held a public hearing about establishing a state-designed cultural district; and

WHEREAS: The City of Northampton has created a broad and diverse partnership of stakeholders committed to cultural, community, and economic development to provide oversight of the district through the Northampton Arts Council; and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Cultural Council will be petitioned in accordance with its guidelines and criteria to designate said cultural district; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: The Honorable Mayor David Narkewicz and Northampton City Council endorse the submission of an application and agree to foster the development of a cultural district; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Northampton City Council endorses the state-sponsored cultural district goals: attracting artists and cultural enterprises, encouraging business and job development, establishing tourist destinations, preserving and reusing historic buildings, enhancing property values and fostering local cultural development; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Economic Development Coordinator is requested to work with the Arts Council and other city agencies that could support and enhance the development of the cultural district and help represent the city within the district partnership of said cultural district; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Northampton City Council encourages all who own property or businesses within said cultural district to involve themselves and participate in the full development of the cultural district; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Northampton Arts Council is the designated organization that will complete the application to the Massachusetts Cultural Council on behalf of the entire city, and will forward this resolution, along with all other necessary documentation, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.