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MEMORANDUM

TO: Police Chief Russell Sienkiewicz
FROM: Mayor David J. Narkewicz
DATE: August 28, 2014
RE: Executive Policy Order

Northampton is a welcoming city that seeks to ensure the highest level of public safety while building trust between law enforcement and all community residents and visitors. Although the Northampton Police Department (NPD) is and has been committed to the respectful treatment of immigrants, the formalization of that commitment in NPD policies and procedures is an important step in communicating and strengthening that trust relationship with our city's immigrant communities.

Pursuant to my authority under Article 3 of the City Charter, I am hereby directing that it shall be the continuing policy of the City of Northampton to assure equal, just, and fair treatment of all persons who live in and visit the city and, in furtherance of that policy, the Chief of Police shall develop formal departmental policies and procedures implementing the following:

- 1) Directing Northampton Police Department personnel to not honor or enforce any detainer request from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) that is non-criminal and not subject to a judicially issued warrant.
- 2) Directing Northampton Police Department personnel to allow motor vehicle operators stopped for a violation and found to be unlicensed a reasonable opportunity to arrange for a properly licensed operator to drive the vehicle, regardless of immigration status. Nothing in such policy shall apply to violations that are subject to a statutory or regulatory requirement of vehicle impoundment.
- 3) Continuing and enhancing existing programs and procedures of the Northampton Police Department to allow access by immigrants to police services in their native languages.
- 4) Providing for record keeping with regard to the policies set forth herein which can be made available to the Mayor upon request.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Narkewicz".

David J. Narkewicz
Mayor, City of Northampton