



THE CITY OF WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

MAYOR KONSTANTINA B. LUKES

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The Infant Mortality Awareness campaign has been designed to increase people's awareness of the high rates of infant deaths, and is led by the National Healthy Start Association; and

WHEREAS: September 1-30, 2007 marks the first annual Infant Mortality Awareness Campaign; and

WHEREAS: The Worcester Healthy Start is one of nearly 100 Healthy Start projects nationwide; and

WHEREAS: Since 1991, the Healthy Start program has been dedicated to reducing the incidence of infant mortality that are prevalent in many communities with large minority populations, high rates of unemployment and poverty, and limited access to safe housing and medical providers; and

WHEREAS: The Worcester Healthy Start initiative in conjunction with the Worcester Infant Mortality Reduction Task Force has made a dramatic impact on the high rates of infant mortality that are prevalent in our community; providing critical services to 7000 women and their infants; and

WHEREAS: The Infant Mortality Awareness campaign provides opportunities for our community to get involved and support the Worcester Healthy Start; and

NOW, THEREFORE be it resolved that I, Konstantina B. Lukes, Mayor of Worcester, Massachusetts do hereby proclaim September 2007 as Infant Mortality Awareness Month.

Konstantina B. Lukes

Mayor