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Whereas, February 16, 2011, marks the 94rd anniversary of the 1918 restoration of independence to Lithuania; and,

Whereas, That hard-won independence was short lived for the Lithuanian people, as invading Communist Russian troops overran the small Baltic nation; and,

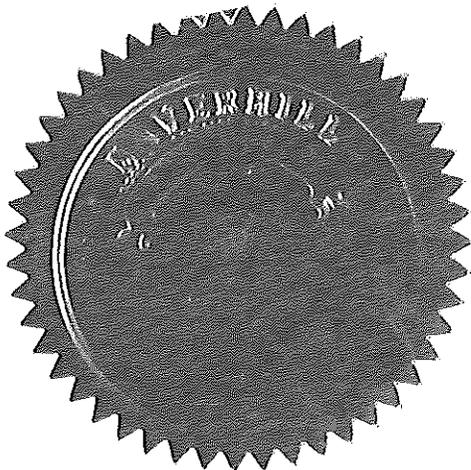
Whereas, Despite unimaginable suffering and sacrifice, including policies of genocide, the Lithuanian people never forgot the February 16, 1918, independence proclamation and their love and desire for independence, liberty, justice, and freedom of thought and action – principles which we as American citizens and our fellow citizens in democratic nations are fortunate to enjoy; and,

Whereas, After decades of struggle, mass demonstrations, nation-wide strikes and courageous referendum votes for freedom, on March 11, 1991, the citizens of Lithuania finally achieved the restoration of their free, independent and democratic nation as declared in 1918; and

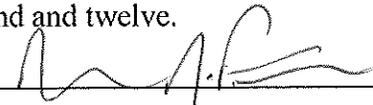
NOW, THEREFORE I, JAMES J. FIORENTINI MAYOR of the City of Haverhill, Massachusetts, do hereby declare February 16, 2012.

Lithuanian Independence Day

in the City of Haverhill and urge all citizens to join me and our citizens of Lithuanian descent in recognizing this historic observance and the sacrifices made by the people of Lithuania in their pursuit for freedom and democracy.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Haverhill to be affixed this 9th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.



 MAYOR JAMES J. FIORENTINI