

City of Norfolk  
Virginia

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norfolk has celebrated its worldwide importance of being home to an international port, the largest Naval base in the United States, and the Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation; and

**WHEREAS**, to exemplify the international influence NATO and its member nations bring to Norfolk, in 1953 the City established the International Azalea Festival, now called the Norfolk NATO Fest, which includes the NATO Flag Raising Ceremony, Parade of Nations, NATOFest, and the Virginia International Tattoo; and

**WHEREAS**, to broaden the awareness of foreign policy and global diplomacy to the citizens of Hampton Roads, in 1969 the World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads was established; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Norfolk established the Norfolk Sister City Association in 1976 to foster a global diplomacy network of international understanding, friendship, and cooperation to promote people-to-people exchanges, and continues to celebrate year-round activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Norfolk Public Library, in celebration of April's National Library Week, educates the public on the importance of our city's cultivation of strong, international relationships;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL D. FRAIM, Mayor of the City of Norfolk, on behalf of City Council, do hereby proclaim April as**

## **INTERNATIONAL MONTH**

*in the City of Norfolk and call upon all citizens to recognize and understand Norfolk's international diversity and promote awareness of the City's impact across the globe.*

*Given under my hand this 25th day of March, 2014.*



*Paul D. Fraim*  
PAUL D. FRAIM, MAYOR

