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## P R E S S   R E L E A S E

### **Mayor Jon Mitchell announces Fourth of July Fireworks over New Bedford Harbor**

**New Bedford, Massachusetts**— At a press conference held in City Hall, Mayor Jon Mitchell joined with sponsor Hawthorn Medical Associates' CEO Joe Ciccolo to announce that Hawthorn will sponsor the City's 2018 Independence Day fireworks display over New Bedford Harbor. Hawthorn Medical Associates contributed \$10,000 to support the fireworks display, continuing a long-standing tradition of company sponsorship of the annual event.

New Bedford's Fourth of July fireworks display will be staged from a barge located off of State Pier in New Bedford Harbor, beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4. Spectators planning to watch the display in Downtown New Bedford are encouraged to park for free in the Elm Street Garage and Zeiterion Parking Garage.

State Pier will NOT be accessible during the fireworks and there will be no parking on State Pier on the evening of July 4th. Lower Union Street (east of Water Street) will be closed to vehicle traffic and will be the best spot in the Downtown for pedestrians to view the fireworks display.

In addition to the generous sponsorship of Hawthorn Medical Associates, St. Anne's Credit Union and The New Bedford Whaling Museum are supporting sponsors of the 2018 City of New Bedford Fourth of July Fireworks Display. Tucker Roy Marine Towing & Salvage and AGM Marine Contractors will again support the event this year by providing the commercial barge.

"Thanks to the support of our longtime sponsor, Hawthorn Medical Associates, and our additional sponsors, New Bedford will host its annual Fourth of July Fireworks display over the harbor," said Mayor Jon Mitchell. "We invite everyone in the Greater New Bedford area to spend time in downtown New Bedford on Fourth of July evening, and to celebrate Independence Day with us and enjoy the fireworks."

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