

**The Council Chambers  
City Hall  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**


**A Proclamation**

- Whereas:** In 2022, as it has done annually for more than 20 years, the Arbor Day Foundation has named Portsmouth a Tree City USA, during the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arbor Day and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation; and
- Whereas:** The Arbor Day Foundation has also awarded the Tree Growth Award to Portsmouth, for the fourth year in a row, for demonstrating environmental improvement and a higher level of tree care, and
- Whereas:** In doing so the President of the National Arbor Day Foundation said, “We are thrilled that Portsmouth takes pride in creating a community that places unique value on the planting and caring of trees;” and
- Whereas:** These awards are a measure of the work of the City’s Department of Public Works Parks and Greenery Division, led by arborists Corin Hallowell and Charles Baxter in caring for the City’s urban forest of 10,000 trees; and
- Whereas:** Portsmouth earns these awards by meeting the program’s four requirements, ensuring the City sustains a tree department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget and an Arbor Day observance and Proclamation; and
- Whereas:** Portsmouth’s trees provide natural and historic character, from the oldest, a horse-chestnut, planted by William Whipple, signer of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, to the cherry trees gifted by Japan in honor of the Portsmouth Peace Treaty, to the 100 trees planted during Arbor Day Month, including this one at Peirce Island; and
- Whereas:** The Parks and Greenery Division works with a team of arborists and the nine-member Trees & Public Greenery Committee to preserve the urban forest through tree preservation techniques, yearly tree plantings and inventory management to maintain a diverse urban forest.

Now, therefore, I, Deaglan McEachern Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Portsmouth, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 29, 2022 as

***Arbor Day in Portsmouth***

Given with my hand and the  
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,  
on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.

  
Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth

