

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

A Proclamation

- Whereas:** Portsmouth and Pease Drinking Water Systems provide up to 6 million gallons a day of drinking water to customers in Portsmouth, Pease Tradeport, Newington, New Castle, Greenland and portions of Rye, Durham, Dover and Madbury; and
- Whereas:** The City created the Safe Water Advisory Group in October 2020 “to review and communicate the latest science on the health and environmental effects of PFAS, to monitor federal and state level legislative changes, and to anticipate policy changes that could impact the City of Portsmouth;” and
- Whereas:** The City completed construction of a new water filtration system to treat PFAS contamination and reactivated the Haven well last summer, and continues to monitor, study and track regulations to identify and treat contaminants of concern such as PFAS and lead through robust tracking and testing programs that protect the health and safety of the community; and
- Whereas:** In spite of sequential years of drought, the City has maintained a supply of enough drinking water to meet the community’s demand by managing the network of wells that tap various groundwater supplies, and protecting the surface water supply at and around the Bellamy Reservoir; and
- Whereas:** The City continues to work with our neighbors to create supplemental and emergency water system connections and has successfully secured both State and Federal dollars to help fund these important projects for protecting future water sources and Water System infrastructure; and
- Whereas:** Portsmouth was the first, and is currently the only, water system in the state to encourage water conservation by offering financial incentives for the replacement of water-intensive appliances with low-consumption alternatives, and promotes this and other conservation initiatives through the “Think Blue” public information campaign; and
- Whereas:** For more than 40 years the American Water Works Association and its members including the Portsmouth Water Division have used Drinking Water Week as a unique opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to recognize the vital role water plays in our daily lives;

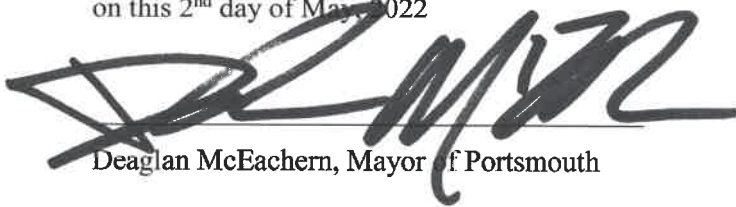
Now, therefore, I, Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, on behalf of the members of the City Council and citizens of Portsmouth, do hereby proclaim May 1st through 7th as:

Portsmouth Drinking Water Week

and urge all Portsmouth citizens to learn more about the Portsmouth Water System, the Safe Water Advisory Group and the City’s efforts to protect and maintain the quality of our drinking water by participating in the Community Water Forum on Tuesday, May 3rd.



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 2nd day of May, 2022



Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth