

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

A Proclamation

Whereas: June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month, created in 1999 to remember the Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan in June 1969; and

Whereas: Pride messages are the most visible symbol of the global movement for LGBTQ equality, celebrating progress, affirming the existence of LGBTQ people and demanding recognition of their basic human rights; and

Whereas: Pride marches such as the one each year here in Portsmouth are an expression of the basic right to the freedom of assembly and expression; and

Whereas: First among his City Council's goals is to "welcome and support diversity in the workplace and community;" and

Whereas: The City's Mission Statement says, "The City is committed to establishing and maintaining a diverse, fiscally-sound municipality and a safe and welcoming environment" -- and that means making sure our LGBTQ community can prosper here; and

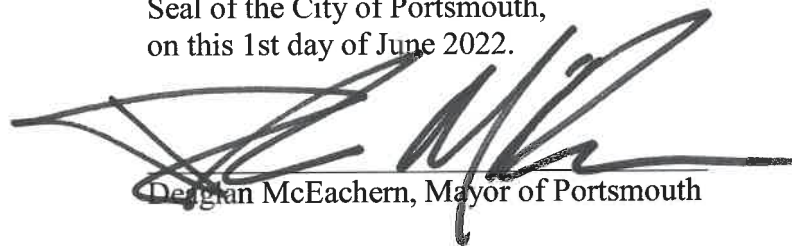
Whereas: Being The City of the Open Door means living up to the promises of keeping our doors open to every member of this community.

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 June as



LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 1st day of June 2022.



Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth