

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

A Proclamation

- Whereas:** The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, a time honored and vital part of local government exists throughout the world, and
- Whereas:** The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk is the oldest among public servants, and
- Whereas:** The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, and
- Whereas:** Professional Municipal Clerks have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.
- Whereas:** The Professional Municipal Clerk serves as the information center on functions of local government and community.
- Whereas:** Professional Municipal Clerks continually strive to improve the administration of the affairs of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk through participation in education programs, seminars, workshops and the annual meetings of their state, provincial, county and international professional organizations.
- Whereas:** The function of the Professional Municipal Clerk necessitate a thorough knowledge of law procedure, administration, and interpersonal relations.
- Whereas:** Professor William Bennett Munro-author of one of the first textbooks written on the topic of municipal administration says “No other office in municipal service has so many contacts. It services the Mayor, the City Council, the City Manager, and all administrative departments, without exception. All of them call upon it, almost daily, for some services or information.”
- Whereas:** It is most appropriate that we recognize the accomplishments of the Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk.
- Whereas:** Kelli L. Barnaby is among the 1,365 Professional Municipal Clerks throughout the United States, Canada and 15 other countries who has achieved the Master Municipal Clerk Designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Now, therefore, I, Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, on behalf of the members of the City Council, do hereby recognize the week of May 1 through May 7, 2022, as

Professional Municipal Clerks Week

and further extend appreciation to our Professional Municipal Clerk, Kelli L. Barnaby, Master Municipal Clerk and to all Professional Municipal Clerks for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities they represent.



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


Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth