

The Council Chambers
City Hall
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

A Proclamation

Whereas: June 21, 2022 marks the 234th birthday of the US Constitution, and;

Whereas: Portsmouth's John Langdon, delegate to the Constitutional Convention was one of 38 signers of the US Constitution adopted by Congress in 1787; and

Whereas: Led by Langdon, New Hampshire became the ninth and deciding state vote to ratify the US Constitution, on June 21, 1788, thereby making New Hampshire "the state that made us a nation;" and

Whereas: When New Hampshire passed that ratification the state was also admitted to the Union, making the former colony the ninth state, so June 21st is also New Hampshire's birthday, and;

Whereas: The submarine USS *New Hampshire* was christened on this day, in honor of the historic date; and

Whereas In 1783, New Hampshire was the first state to create its own Constitution, thereby setting the example for other colonies and the Continental Congress to follow; and

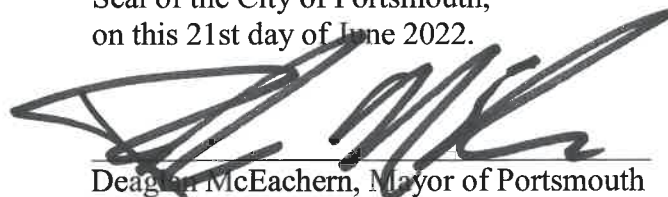
Whereas: Portsmouth, the "City of the Open Door" was home to the three Governors and has welcomed Presidents from George Washington to Joe Biden and upholds an unwavering record of allegiance to the nation and the US Constitution.

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 this day as

United States Constitution Day



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 21st day of June 2022.


Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth