

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

A Proclamation

Whereas:

Arthur Parrott has served the City of Portsmouth for forty distinguished years; and

Whereas:

He was first appointed to the Planning Board in 1983, served in that capacity through November 2001 and helped guide the shaping of the City and our streetscape in some of its most transformative years; and

Whereas:

Arthur subsequently brought his deep understanding to the Zoning Board of Adjustment of how the face of the City is molded by the ways its codes, policies and ordinances are interpreted. He was first appointed as an Alternate to the ZBA in November 2002 and then as a Regular Member in March 2004, a post he held until last October when he retired from the ZBA, as Chair; and

Whereas:

Arthur has also served our citizens on the Board of Registrars for the past twenty-two years. He was elected as Ward 4 Registrar in November 2001 and was appointed Assistant City Head Registrar and Clerk of the Board of Registrars in 2003. His dedication, service and respect for the office are worthy of our praise, even more so at a time when the character and professionalism of our election officials who protect the most fundamental rights of our democracy – free and fair elections – are under threat; and

Whereas:

Residents of our City of the Open Door who, like Arthur, have invested their lives and their love in Portsmouth help make sure we continue to hold that door open for all who follow.

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 Tuesday, February 21, 2023 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire as

Arthur Parrott Day

To recognize and honor an exemplary public servant and encourage citizens to follow the example he has set.

Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 21st day of February 2023



Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth