

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

A Proclamation

- Whereas:** Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and its debilitating symptoms affect nearly one million patients and millions more among their friends and families; and
- Whereas:** The goal of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to provide help and information, especially to newly-diagnosed patients, most often people in the prime of their lives between 20 and 50; and
- Whereas:** In New Hampshire, the medical centers addressing MS directly include Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Concord Hospital, the MS Clinic of NH in Lebanon and the Manchester VA are striving to understand the cause and course of MS and, with efforts to raise awareness and funding through the National MS Society, to create a world free of MS by heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and
- Whereas:** Since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research, thereby transforming what it means to live with MS and providing global leadership to help achieve the vision of a world free of MS; and
- Whereas:** Here in Portsmouth and on the Seacoast we recognize the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and express our appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown toward creating a world free of MS.

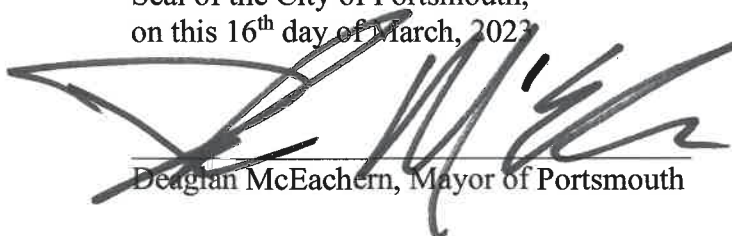
Now, therefore, I, Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Portsmouth, do hereby proclaim the week of March 12 through 18, 2023 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire as

MS Awareness Week

and do commend its observance to all of our citizens and encourage them to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 16th day of March, 2023



Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth