

The Council Chambers  
City Hall  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

A Proclamation

**Whereas:** June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month and was created in 1999 to remember the Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan in June 1969 and to reinforce the global movement for LGBTQ equality, celebrating progress, affirming the existence of LGBTQ people and demanding recognition of their basic human rights; and

**Whereas** In this 400<sup>th</sup> year of Portsmouth's founding it is ever more important to recognize all who make Portsmouth our place to live, work and play must receive the support of the entire community as harm, hurt and disrespect to any of us diminishes all of us; and

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

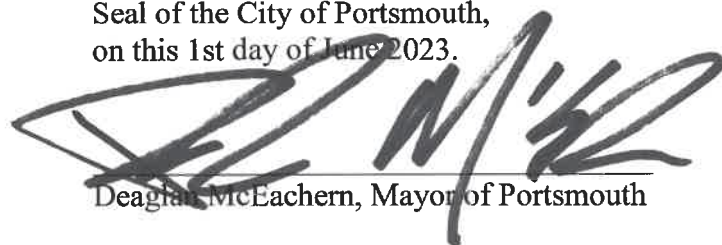
**Whereas:** Pride flags, messages and marches such as the one each year here in Portsmouth are prominent reminders of the basic right to the freedom of assembly and expression; and

**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 2023.



Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth

