

The Council Chambers
City Hall
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
A Proclamation

Whereas: The City of Portsmouth declared itself an Eco-Municipality in 2007 and has passed both a City-wide polystyrene ban and City-property single-use ordinances and continues to encourage voluntary efforts by residents to reduce single-use plastic waste as part of Portsmouth’s Climate Future; and

Whereas: The Surfrider Foundation New Hampshire Chapter has championed the effort for Portsmouth restaurants and cafes to become certified “Ocean Friendly Restaurants” and to participate in the “Skip-the-Stuff” effort that encourages customers to ask for foodservice accessories instead of contributing to the expense and waste generated by unwanted items; and

Whereas: The City of Portsmouth wishes to reduce the significant pollution and health risks of the chain of plastic production by conserving resources, minimizing waste, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other pollution, and protecting the welfare of our residents and wildlife, all of which contribute to the quality life in Portsmouth; and

Whereas: It is the intent of the City to reduce the negative impacts of plastic locally and to join in the international effort to reduce the pollution and public health risks related to plastic.

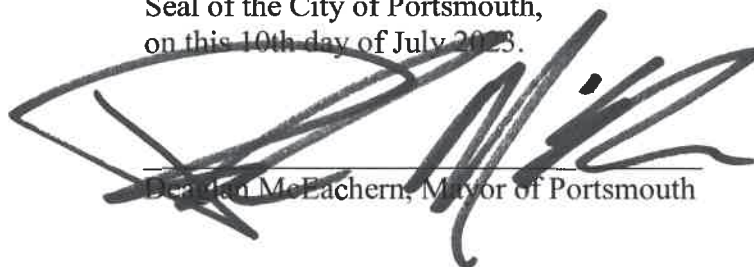
Now, therefore, I, Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth on behalf of the City Council hereby proclaim July 2023 to be

Plastic Pollution Reduction Month in Portsmouth

and encourage all citizens and businesses to reduce their plastic consumption and waste by choosing reusables and an opt-in versus opt-out model for single-use items.



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 10th day of July 2023.


Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth