

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

**A Proclamation**

**Whereas:** The United States Constitution is the world’s oldest and longest-surviving basis for the government of a free and democratic republic; and

**Whereas:** September 17, 2023 marks the two hundred and thirty-sixth anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States of America at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787; and

**Whereas:** The President’s Proclamation of Constitution Week and its commemoration was established by Public Law 915 in 1956 to encourage the study of the United States Constitution that resulted from the meeting of 12 of the states, with George Washington presiding, to create a new form of government at a time when the union between the states was unraveling; and

**Whereas:** The Daughters of the American Revolution have championed the cause of devoting official recognition and ongoing study of this magnificent document which is the foundation for America’s heritage and way of life, and of reminding our citizens of their responsibility to protect and defend the United States Constitution; and

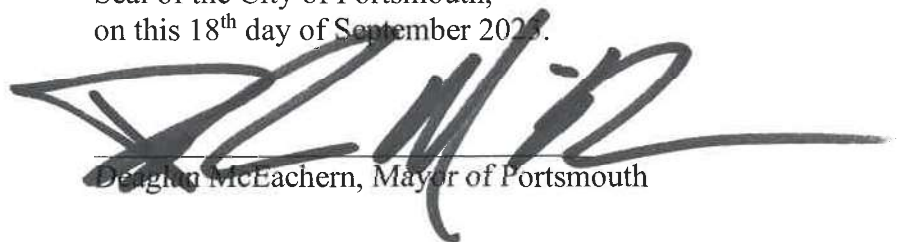
**Whereas:** The first three words of the Constitution – “We the People” – affirms that the government of the United States exists to serve its citizens;

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 September 17 through 23, 2023 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire as

***Constitution Week***

and ask our citizens to revisit and reaffirm the ideals the framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this declaration of our rights and liberties.

Given with my hand and the  
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,  
on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023.



Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth

