

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

A Proclamation

Whereas: The Arbor Day Foundation has named Portsmouth a Tree City USA for more than twenty years and has again awarded the Tree Growth Award to the City's Parks and Greenery Division and the Trees & Public Greenery Committee; and

Whereas Tree City USA is a partnership between the Arbor Day Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters and the award recognizes the City for meeting the program's four requirements: maintaining the Parks & Greenery Division and the Trees & Public Greenery committee, upholding a tree-care ordinance, committing a budget of at least \$2 per capita for the urban forest and presenting an annual Arbor Day observance and proclamation; and

Whereas The Tree City USA Growth Award recognizes Portsmouth for demonstrating environmental improvement and a higher level of tree care; and

Whereas: This Arbor Day 2023 is a focal point for the City of Portsmouth's "400 Trees for the 400th" initiative, providing 200 residents with free trees to plant in their yards while the Parks and Greenery Department is planting the additional 200 trees around the City with assistance from the Portsmouth High School Eco-Club; and

Whereas: Portsmouth Rotary has provided a donation for 100 of the trees in commemoration of their 100th anniversary; and

Whereas: Portsmouth celebrates its history with the 10,000 trees in our urban forest that provide natural and historic character and are preserved with professional care, yearly tree plantings and inventory management to maintain the forest's diversity for the enjoyment of the entire 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 April 28, 2023



Arbor Day in Portsmouth 2023

Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 28th day of April 2023.


Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth