

**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 2024 is an opportunity to recognize the creation in 2003 of the City's Trees & Public Greenery Committee and the efforts of the volunteers who ensure the City's urban forest is cared for and conserved; and

**Whereas:** This year we celebrate Langdon Park, dedicated in 1876 as the City's first park and filled as an arboretum with a wide variety of trees donated by residents and businesses; and

**Whereas:** In particular, the City recognizes the twenty years of service that Trees & Greenery Committee vice chair Richard Adams has dedicated to the City's trees and their history by planting and dedicating one of his favorite varieties in this place of honor in Langdon Park.

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 26, 2024

***Arbor Day in Portsmouth 2024***



Given with my hand and the  
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,  
on this 26th day of April 2024.

Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth