

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 equality, celebrate progress, affirm the existence of LGBTQ people and demand recognition of their basic human rights; and

Whereas: In these challenging times for LGBTQ+ rights worldwide it is ever more important to affirm the support of the entire community to all who make Portsmouth our place to live, work, and play – because any harm, hurt or disrespect to any of us diminishes all of us; and

Whereas: First among our City Goals is to “create a welcoming, safe, and diverse community;” and that means making sure that all our LGBTQ residents, business owners, and visitors can prosper, flourish, and feel they are a part of and not apart from our community; and

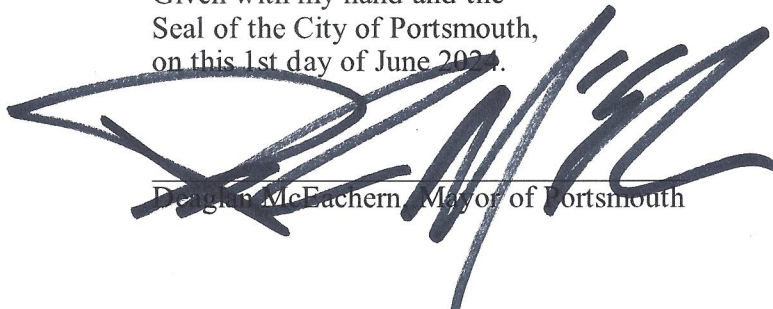
Whereas: Pride flags, messages, and marches such as the one each year here in Portsmouth are prominent reminders of the basic right to the freedom of assembly and expression; and

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 2021.



Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth

