

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

A Proclamation

Whereas: The Arbor Day Foundation has named Portsmouth a Tree City USA for 26 years and has awarded the Tree Growth Award for the seventh year 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 2025 is an opportunity to recognize Peter Loughlin former City Attorney and immediate past chair and founder of the City's Trees & Public Greenery Committee who dedicated more than two decades to the protection and sustainability of the City's urban forest; and

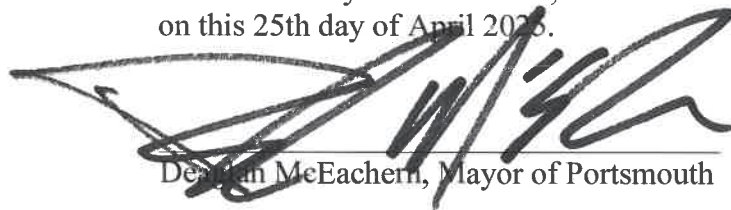
Whereas: April is also Volunteer Month, so it is fitting in this Proclamation to recognize the efforts of other Trees & Greenery Committee members and citizen volunteers who ensure the City's urban forest is cared for and conserved.

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 25, 2025

Arbor Day in Portsmouth 2025



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 25th day of April 2025.


Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth