

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

- Whereas:** Portsmouth is home to individuals living with Frontotemporal Degeneration (FTD) and its debilitating impact on themselves, their families and those in the community of caregivers who surround them; and
- Whereas:** FTD is an underdiagnosed neurodegenerative disease that affects more than 60,000 people in the United States. FTD affects ages as young as 21 and old as 80 with the largest percentage of affected being under 65; and
- Whereas:** FTD can impact behavior, decision-making, personality, language, and/or movement and reduce life expectancy to just a dozen or fewer years with no known treatments to slow the progress of this disease; and
- Whereas:** Those with variants of FTD such as Primary Supranuclear Palsy (PSP) experience disruptions to balance, speech and fine motor abilities, are more at risk of falling and find such simple activities as dressing, eating, and expressing their thoughts increasingly difficult; and
- Whereas:** There is little known about the causes of FTD and there is no treatment or cure for PSP, although several hopeful clinical studies of drug interventions are now underway thanks to National Institutes of Health funding.

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 declare the week of September 21 to 28, 2025 as

***FTD Awareness Week in Portsmouth***

and call upon the community to learn more about FTD at [TheAFTD.org](https://TheAFTD.org) and to support the advocacy of the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration who seek to change the course of a disease that is largely misunderstood, misdiagnosed, and underfunded.



Given with my hand and the  
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,  
on this 8th day of September 2025.

  
Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth