

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

Whereas: People-to-people diplomacy is the heart of the Sister Cities International program and in our Sister City agreement with Nichinan, established 40 years ago; and

Whereas: On September 5, 1905 – 120 years ago tomorrow – at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard your statesman, Baron Komura signed a Treaty ending the Russo-Japanese War, and gave Portsmouth the honor of celebrating the roles of local citizens. That citizen diplomacy is a sterling example of what we mean when we say Portsmouth is “The City of the Open Door;” and

Whereas: We have the honor of regularly welcoming Japanese diplomats and dignitaries in the spirit of the Portsmouth Peace Treaty, as we do today as we also celebrate with you the 170th birthday of Baron Komura; and

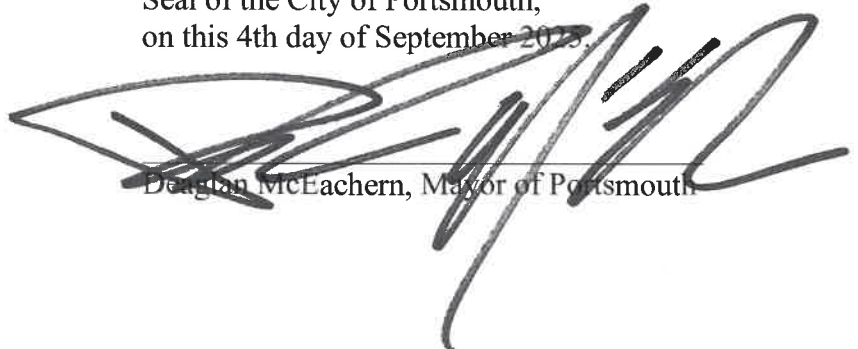
Whereas: Portsmouth, the active host in fostering the successful outcome, now leads commemorations around the state in celebrating Portsmouth Peace Treaty Day with bellringing at the moment the Treaty was signed.

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 September 4, 2025 as

Sister City of Nichinan Day in Portsmouth



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 4th day of September 2025.


Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth