

The Council Chambers City Hall Portsmouth, New Hampshire

A Proclamation

Whereas:

The Arbor Day Foundation has named Portsmouth a Tree City USA for 27 years and has awarded the Tree Growth Award for the eighth 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:

Arbor Day 2026 – the 50th anniversary of the Tree City USA program – is an opportunity to recognize the Robert J. Lister Academy Maple Month program and to commend the collaboration among the students and faculty of the Academy and our elementary schools, the City's Urban Forestry team and the Trees & Public Greenery Committee to teach all of us about the history and traditions of maple trees and maple sugaring here in New Hampshire; and

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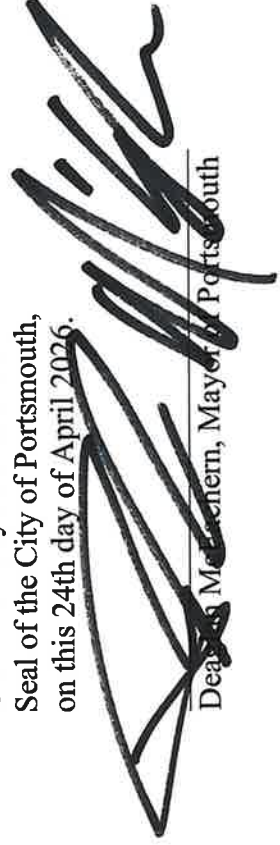
April is also Volunteer Month, so it is fitting in this Proclamation to recognize the efforts of other Trees & Greenery Committee members and citizen volunteers who ensure the City's urban forest is cared for and conserved.

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 24, 2026

Arbor Day in Portsmouth 2026



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 24th day of April 2026.



Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth