

The Council Chambers
City Hall
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
A Proclamation

Whereas: The City of Portsmouth, long known as the “City of the Open Door,” is grounded in a tradition of welcoming neighbors and fostering a community where people of diverse backgrounds and incomes can live and thrive; and

Whereas: Access to safe and affordable housing is essential to the stability, health, and economic vitality of our community and to the well-being of residents; and

Whereas: Communities across the Seacoast region, including Portsmouth, face rising housing costs and limited supply, making it increasingly difficult for working families, older adults, young people, and employees to secure housing they can afford; and

Whereas: Portsmouth serves as a major employment, service, and cultural center for the Seacoast region, and ensuring access to attainable housing strengthens neighborhoods, supports local businesses, employers, and the workforce that sustains our community and ensures Portsmouth remains a vibrant and inclusive place for residents and future generations; and

Whereas: Access to stable and affordable housing plays a critical role in preventing displacement, and homelessness, and housing instability which undermines the ability of young families to remain in our communities, creates barriers for older adults wishing to age in place, and impacts workforce retention, and economic growth across the Seacoast; and

Whereas: Local municipalities, organizations, housing partners, and residents, united through the Home for All Coalition, are working collaboratively to raise awareness, encourage dialogue, and advance housing solutions throughout the Seacoast.

Now, therefore, I, Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, on behalf of the members of the City Council and citizens of Portsmouth, do hereby proclaim the week of May 11–17, 2026 in Portsmouth as

Affordable Housing Week

And call upon our residents, businesses, and community partners to recognize the importance of access to affordable housing and to support efforts that strengthen housing stability across our community.



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth
on this 4th day of May, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deaglan McEachern'.

Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth