

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

RESOLUTION # - 2020

The City Council declares:
Portsmouth is a Racial Justice Municipality
Portsmouth is committed to racial justice
Portsmouth believes Black Lives Matter

The City of Portsmouth resolves to:

1. Employ and regularly review best practices to support racial justice.
2. Provide regular racial bias training to elected officials, boards & commissions and encourage the same of the Police Commission and Police Department, Fire Commission and Fire Department, School Board and School Department, and City Manager on behalf of other City staff.
3. Highlight Portsmouth's role in Black History by engaging with the Black Heritage Trail of NH, Seacoast African American Cultural Center (SAACC) and the African Burying Ground as a regular part of civic awareness and education in our schools.
4. Engage in dialogues with stakeholders for racial justice including the NAACP, Black Heritage Trail of NH, SAACC and other civic organizations in the Seacoast.
5. Cooperate with other efforts to improve equity and inclusion and be welcoming of diversity throughout our community.

THAT this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

APPROVED:

RICK BECKSTED, MAYOR

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
JUNE 15, 2020

KELLI L. BARNABY, MMC/CNHMC
CITY CLERK