

# Portsmouth, New Hampshire



## A Proclamation

### Whereas:

Portsmouth is proud to count citizen, father and D-Day veteran Raymond "Red" Goulet as a decades-long resident of the community; and

### Whereas:

Ray Goulet was recognized in 2013 as part of "The Greatest Generation" on an Honor Flight to Washington, DC where he recalled being a young soldier crossing the Atlantic aboard the converted cruise ship *Monarch of Bermuda* dodging submarines on the way to England, landing on D-Day and driving across Europe in the Red Ball Express truck convoy system that supplied Allied forces; and

### Whereas:

The selfless commitment of Ray and his two brothers to joining the armed services to fight for America and her allies -- in particular at one of the most critical and heroic hours of the war: the landing on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944 -- and the survival of all three, is a profound example to us all; and

### Whereas:

He has devoted countless hours as a Pease Greeter, a member of that tireless team who ensure that every service member stopping at the Pease Air Force Base is welcomed and thanked for their service; and

### Whereas:

Ray Goulet is a valued friend and ally to the Portsmouth Police Department, joining regular "Walk with a Cop" events with the chief and his officers; and

### Whereas:

January 14, 2021 marks the celebration of Raymond Goulet's 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Now, therefore, I, Rick Becksted, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, on behalf of the members of the City Council and the citizens of Portsmouth, do hereby proclaim January 14, 2021

## *Raymond Goulet Day*

Given with my hand and the  
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,  
on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rick Becksted', written in a cursive style.

Rick Becksted, Mayor of Portsmouth

