

The Council Chambers
City Hall
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

A Proclamation

- Whereas:** It was with the deepest sadness that the City learned of the passing last week of Harold Whitehouse, a lifelong resident of Portsmouth for 95 years whom many say exemplified the best of Portsmouth; and
- Whereas:** After service to his country in the United State Navy, Harold served his second love (next to his 56 years with his beloved wife, Ruth) – the City of Portsmouth -- for more than three decades, contributing, participating and fulfilling Job 1 as Citizen to the end; and
- Whereas:** Harold served on the City Council for 16 years, on the School Board for 12 years, as Police Commissioner for two years and as a member of the Parking & Traffic Safety Committee right up through his decision to step down on September 7, 2023; and
- Whereas:** Harold also volunteered his time for 60 years as a poll worker, defending the institutions of our democracy and welcoming voters new and old as Ward 5 greeter; and
- Whereas:** Harold took part in the city's 350th celebration in 1973 and in our 400th, and must have decided he was leaving us in good hands as he passed the torch to the next generation; and
- Whereas:** The plaque on Harold Whitey Whitehouse Bridge that was dedicated in June 2018 reads, "Military Veteran. Civic Volunteer. South Ender.", so many of us were honored to have worked alongside him, watching his principles at work as he served his community, to have shared in his joy in living and to have called him, "Friend."

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 January 16, 2024 as

Harold Whitehouse Day

and call upon the residents of Portsmouth to pause and remember his dedication and to model themselves as citizens on the best of what he taught us.



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 16th day of January, 2024

Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth