

**The Council Chambers
City Hall
Portsmouth, New Hampshire**

A Proclamation

Whereas: April is National Community Development Month, created to celebrate the Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

Whereas: 2024 marks the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Housing and Community Development Act and the creation of the federal CDBG Program; and

Whereas: Since 1977, the City of Portsmouth and its Community Development Office have administered CDBG Program funds to make a positive impact on the City and its residents. It remains committed to creating a sustainable and dignified quality of urban life by leveraging federal dollars to promote fair, safe, and affordable housing, assistance for the precariously housed and homeless, establishing critical infrastructure, making public facility improvements, and delivering quality public services; and

Whereas: The CDBG Program is a valuable program that has made significant contributions that benefit low- to moderate-income individuals and households by supporting these infrastructure initiatives. The members of our community impacted include older adults, people with disabilities, those experiencing chronic or frequent homelessness and at-risk youth; and

Whereas: The CDBG Program effectively seeks solutions that expand economic opportunity and social services in our community through private and public partnerships and that address prioritized needs as identified through community input.

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 the month of April 2024 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire as

Community Development Month

and commend the good work championed by all who serve the interests of our citizens through fair and effective community development.



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 1st day of April 2024.

Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth