

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

**A Proclamation**

- Whereas:** The City of Portsmouth would not be able to call ourselves “The City of the Open Door” if we could not show examples of extraordinary people who stepped through that door and held it open for the next with all the skill true hospitality affords; and
- Whereas:** Massimo Morgia is one of those – arriving in Portsmouth and starting his business, Ristorante Massimo, 30 years ago today – who has touched generations and continues to help families make memories from the special moments of their lives. Born in Pontecorvo, Italy, Massimo brought his mastery of the art of authentic Italian cuisine and the genius of outstanding hospitality for us to enjoy, together; and
- Whereas:** Being part of this community is always the treasure people like Massimo say they value most – the friendships and the generosity of the people of Portsmouth who support a variety of charities and causes that are important to Massimo – and so many more – all living testaments to this community’s spirit; and
- Whereas:** Massimo has just completed another Little Italy Committee component of a Portsmouth NH 400 Legacy Project. Like the Masquerade, the Carnival and the pocket garden to come, the documentary *The Lost North End* – recognized as one of the “Top 10” at this year’s NH Film Festival – captures the stories of the families displaced from the Vaughan Street neighborhood by Urban Renewal and ensures they are remembered and honored; and
- Whereas:** The City’s new Friendship City relationship with Santarcangelo di Romagna preserves those connections, as well, and was celebrated on the occasion of the delegation’s first visit last year with a reception Massimo organized, and catered; and
- Whereas:** Massimo has observed that over the years, he has had the privilege of hosting dignitaries, athletes, authors, and many others from around the world; yet, what brings him the most joy is witnessing the generations of families who dine with him, the regulars who bring children and grandchildren. Thanks to Massimo the resiliency of Portsmouth’s Italian community endures.

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 October 21, 2024 as

***Massimo Morgia Day in Portsmouth***

and call upon the entire Portsmouth community to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ristorante Massimo with appropriate festivities and congratulations.

Given with my hand and the  
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,  
on this 21st day of October 2024.

