

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

A Proclamation

Whereas: Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and its debilitating symptoms affect nearly one million patients and millions more among their friends and families; and

Whereas: The goal of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is to provide help and information, especially to newly-diagnosed patients, most often people in the prime of their lives between 20 and 50; and

Whereas: In New Hampshire, the medical centers addressing MS directly include Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, Dartmouth-Hitchcock, Concord Hospital, the MS Clinic of NH in Lebanon and the Manchester VA are striving to understand the cause and course of MS and, with efforts to raise awareness and funding through the National MS Society, to create a world free of MS by heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease; and

Whereas: Since 1946 the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatments and a cure, and has invested more than \$1 billion in groundbreaking research, thereby transforming what it means to live with MS and providing global leadership to help achieve the vision of a world free of MS; and

Whereas: Here in Portsmouth and on the Seacoast we recognize the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS and express our appreciation for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has shown toward giving those affected more control over their lives and creating a world free of MS.

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 week of March 9 through 15, 2025 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire as

MS Awareness Week

and do commend its observance to all of our citizens and encourage them “tell MS what they think of it” by sharing resources, spread awareness and stand with those affected by MS to put those individuals and their families more in control.



Given with my hand and the
Seal of the City of Portsmouth,
on this 19th day of March 2025

Deaglan McEachern, Mayor of Portsmouth