

**TOWN OF PORTSMOUTH, RI**

**ARBOR DAY PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS: Arbor Day began in 1872, when J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and
- WHEREAS: this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and
- WHEREAS: Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world. The official day of celebration varies from state to state but Rhode Islanders celebrate Arbor Day on the same day as the National Arbor Day, the last Friday in the Month of April, and
- WHEREAS: on this Arbor Day, the Town of Portsmouth would like to thank National Grid for donating a Tulip Tree, the Portsmouth Public Works Department for preparing the tree for planting and the students of Hathaway School for planting the tree, and
- WHEREAS: on this day, April 26, 2019, the Town of Portsmouth is celebrating the award of an America The Beautiful Grant to be utilized to plant the next generation of trees on the grounds of our schools for the future enjoyment of Portsmouth school children, and
- WHEREAS: on this day, April 26, 2019, Hathaway School is recognizing

**ANN GRIMES**

with the planting of this Tulip Tree. This tree will stand tall and strong as a tribute to Ann Grimes, for her 26 years of unwavering dedication to her students and staff in the Portsmouth School District

NOW THEREFORE I, Kevin M. Aguiar, President of the Portsmouth Town Council, do hereby proclaim Friday, April 26, 2019 as

**ARBOR DAY**

in the Town of Portsmouth and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day by supporting efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, and I urge all citizens to plant trees to promote the well-being of this and future generations.

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Kevin M. Aguiar, President  
Portsmouth Town Council

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Linda L. Ujifusa, Vice President  
Portsmouth Town Council

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer M. West  
Town Clerk