

The Town of Portsmouth,  
in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations of the United States of America takes  
pleasure in offering this  
*Proclamation of Appreciation and Thanks*

**WHEREAS:**

The Town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island was founded on the compact of 1638, and

**WHEREAS:**

The Founders of the Town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island considered the connection with your honorable city to honor it with your name, and

**WHEREAS:**

That we wish to continue to build the strong bond we have formed with yours and other Portsmouth Atlantic Compact communities, and

**WHEREAS:**

We were having been honored by many visits by representatives on your city to our beautiful town, which have included several visits by your Lord Mayors and Councilors, and

**WHEREAS:**

Their attendance and participation at the many events, that included the 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of our town have strengthened the common bonds and historical links between our two communities and offered a unique and personal sense of friendship, which has been deeply appreciated by the many citizens they have met, and

**WHEREAS:**

You have offered great hospitality and friendship to our citizens on their official visits and personal visits to the UK, that have encouraged continued and expanding relations between our two communities, and

**WHEREAS:**

On a national perspective, we honor the sacrifices of all the British people in their support of World War One and D-Day of World War Two that have been memorialized by your city in annual celebrations. We wish to convey our thanks to all British citizens, and in particular those of Portsmouth UK, for their efforts that were essential to victory, and

**WHEREAS:**

Our delegations have thoroughly enjoyed participating in mutual cooperation programs that have been supported by many trips to Portsmouth UK, that have included Government, Education, Religious, Military, and Cultural leaders throughout your fair city, and

**WHEREAS:**

The Town Council of Portsmouth, of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations has charged our fellow citizen and elected Town Councilor Andrew Kelly to deliver this proclamation.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

That I, Town Council President Kevin Aguiar of Portsmouth, Rhode Island do hereby announce and proclaim to all citizens, and set seal hereto, our special recognition and thanks to the City Council of Portsmouth, United Kingdom and its citizens. We look forward to our future continued superb relations.

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Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin M. Aguiar  
President, Portsmouth Town Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer West, Town Clerk