

City of Portsmouth

Proclamation

Whereas, Americans are served every day by public servants at the federal, state, county and city levels. These unsung heroes do the work that keeps our nation working; and

Whereas, public employees take not only jobs but oaths; and

Whereas, many public servants – police officers, firefighters, border patrol officers, embassy employees, military personnel, health care professionals, and others – risk their lives each day in service to the people of the United States and around the world; and

Whereas, public employees include teachers in our schools, nurses to administer vaccines; computer technicians to pay out Social Security and veteran's benefits, unemployment checks, and food stamps; safety inspectors for power plants, mines and airplanes; food inspectors to guarantee the safety of our grocery purchases; laborers to maintain our roads and bridges; transportation employees to see us safely to our destinations by bus or train; and all of the people who provide the diverse services demanded by the American people of their government; and

Whereas, without these government employees at every level, continuity would be impossible in a democracy that regularly changes its leaders and elected officials.

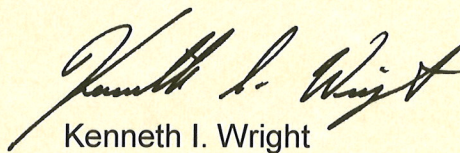
Now, Therefore, I, Kenneth I. Wright, Mayor of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia do hereby proclaim the week of May 1 through 7, 2011 as

"Public Service Recognition Week"

in Portsmouth, and encourage all citizens to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of government employees at all levels.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Portsmouth, Virginia to be affixed this first day of March, two thousand eleven.




Kenneth I. Wright
Mayor