



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** Four years ago, the Dover 400 Committee was established with a noble purpose in mind: to honor our past, celebrate our present, and inspire our future through meaningful and creative community engagement. Today, I stand before you to proclaim the significance of this endeavor and announce a special celebration for all citizens of Dover; and
- WHEREAS:** I hereby declare the two weeks starting from June 24th to July 4th as a time of great jubilation and unity. These weeks will serve as a remarkable occasion for every individual, both past and present, to come together and revel in the festivities that await us. The upcoming events promise excitement and joy for everyone in our community; and
- WHEREAS:** Among the highlights of this grand celebration are the following events: Dover on the Water, where we can fully embrace the beauty and serenity of our City's waterways; the Downtown Block Party and Interactive Walk through History, offering an immersive experience into our rich heritage; the Dover 400 Community Parade, where we can showcase our unity and collective spirit; and the spectacular fireworks display that will grace the skies and symbolize the overarching joy that envelops the City of Dover. Additionally, numerous other exciting events have been organized, ensuring that there is something for everyone to enjoy during these remarkable weeks; and
- WHEREAS:** We will also pay homage to the Hilton and Roberts Family, who hold a special place in our history, by honoring them at Hilton Park. Edward, William, and Rebecca Hilton, along with Thomas Roberts, played a pivotal role in establishing the first settlement in New Hampshire in 1623. Their contributions laid the foundation for the vibrant and thriving community we have today; and
- WHEREAS:** It is essential to acknowledge that Dover holds a significant place in the history of the United States. As the 7th Settlement in the country, we stand proudly as a testament to the enduring spirit of exploration and settlement that shaped this great nation; and
- WHEREAS:** On this occasion, let us recognize the immense strength of our forefathers and the countless individuals who have contributed to the growth and prosperity of Dover throughout the years. Their dedication and perseverance have paved the way for the community we cherish and enjoy today; and
- WHEREAS:** Moreover, as we come together in celebration, let us also express our gratitude for the blessings we currently possess. Dover is a city blessed with abundant opportunities, a vibrant cultural fabric, and a strong sense of community. It is through these blessings that we continue to flourish and thrive; and
- WHEREAS:** Lastly, let us approach the future with unwavering confidence. As we gather to honor our past, celebrate our present, and inspire our future, let us remember that the strength of Dover lies in the unity and determination of its citizens. Together, we shall face the future with resilience, optimism, and a shared commitment to building a better tomorrow.

May this celebration of the Dover 400 be a time of joy, reflection, and renewed inspiration for each and every one of us. Let us embrace the spirit of community and forge ahead into the future filled with promise and possibility.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dover to be affixed this **24th Day of June, 2023**

Robert Carrier, Mayor,
City of Dover, New Hampshire