

The Council Chambers
Town Hall
South Berwick, Maine

A PROCLAMATION

- Whereas:** The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard performs work vital to the defense of the United States in a superior fashion, leading all other shipyards in performance, time and cost containment; and
- Whereas:** The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is home to a workforce of more than 4,500 employees so talented that managers and workers are often lent to other shipyards to share their expertise and trade skills; and
- Whereas:** The Shipyard's \$284 million payroll is a critical segment of the South Berwick economy, as well as the economies of the 85 Maine, 87 New Hampshire and 35 Massachusetts towns where these accomplished workers live; and
- Whereas:** The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is an indispensable component of the Navy's new concept of "One Navy Nuclear Shipyard" and a unique source of talent and ability to maintain the nation's Los Angeles Class nuclear Submarines and could adapt to service other military equipment; and
- Whereas:** Our nation is facing new global challenges in the war against terrorism and it is critically important that the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard continue to fulfill its mission as a military installation dedicated to our national defense.

Now, therefore, we, the Town Council of South Berwick, Maine urge the Navy, the Department of Defense and our entire nation to recognize the vital importance of the

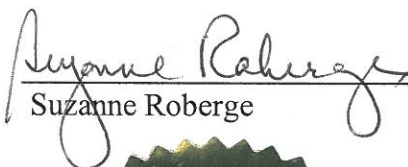
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

to our national security and to ensure that this historic and superior shipyard continues to serve our nation in times of peace and of war. We also urge our state and federal legislative delegations to continue their efforts on behalf of the Shipyard, and we call upon the many Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts towns economically linked to this installation to financially support the campaign to keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open and functioning at its full capacity to serve our nation.

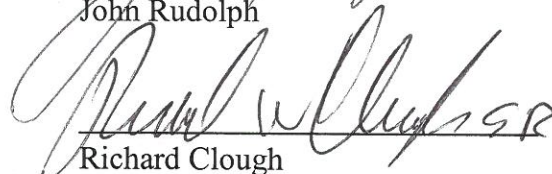
Given with our hands and the seal of the Town of South Berwick, on this the 26th day of April, 2004.



Robert T. Gagne, Chairman


John Ford


Suzanne Roberge


John Rudolph


Richard Clough


Barbara M. Bennett, CMC,
Town Clerk

