



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** The Central Avenue bridge has long been a cherished landmark in downtown Dover, enhancing our community with vibrant flower displays that celebrate the beauty of our surroundings; and
- WHEREAS:** Our community faced challenges with theft and vandalism that threatened the integrity of these beloved flower boxes; and
- WHEREAS:** In response to these challenges, Deb Clough, leader of the volunteer group Dover Doers, took the initiative to seek a solution by partnering with Nicole Witham, Welding Instructor at Dover Career & Technical Center; and
- WHEREAS:** The Class of 2024 Welding II students dedicated their time and skills over the course of eight months to design and fabricate a new way to display flowers, resulting in the creation of 10 custom brackets that not only showcase the beauty of flowering plants but also protect them from potential harm; and
- WHEREAS:** These innovative brackets allow for easy access for maintenance while ensuring that the flowers remain in view and out of reach, providing an enduring display for all to enjoy; and
- WHEREAS:** The collaboration between dedicated community members and talented students exemplifies the spirit of teamwork, creativity, and resilience that makes Dover a wonderful place to live and work; and
- WHEREAS:** This remarkable effort has restored and enhanced the beauty of our downtown area, ensuring that our community continues to flourish with the joy of nature.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Carrier, Mayor of the City of Dover in the State of New Hampshire, and the entire City Council express our heartfelt gratitude to Deb Clough, Nicole Witham, and the Class of 2024 Welding II students for their hard work, dedication, and innovation in making this project a success. Let us celebrate their achievements and the spirit of collaboration that strengthens our community.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dover to be affixed this 9th Day of October, 2024.

Robert Carrier, Mayor
City of Dover, New Hampshire