



## CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

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John P. Bohenko  
City Manager

November 15, 2012

Mr. D. Allan Kerr  
Thresher Memorial Project Group  
P. O. Box 321  
Kittery, ME 03904

Dear Mr. Kerr:

Please be advised that at the November 13<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, the Council adopted the enclosed Resolution supporting the initiative to build a permanent memorial in Kittery, Maine to honor the 129 men lost aboard the USS Thresher (SSN 593) on April 10, 1963.

In addition to the City Council adoption of the Resolution, the Council has appropriated \$1,000 to be donated to the Thresher Memorial Project. I will be sending you this check in the next week but wanted to let you know that the City Council approved this donation.

Sincerely,

John P. Bohenko  
City Manager

JPB/ams

Enclosure

c.: Robert Markel, Town Manager  
Judie Belanger, Finance Director

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE  
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

RESOLUTION # 16-2012

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVE TO BUILD A PERMANENT MEMORIAL IN KITTERY, MAINE, TO THE 129 MEN (16 OFFICERS, 96 ENLISTED MEN AND 17 CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS) LOST ABOARD THE USS THRESHER (SSN 593) ON APRIL 10, 1963**

**RESOLVED: BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NH, ASSEMBLED AS FOLLOWS:**

**THAT**, The City Council endorses the initiative to build a memorial at the US Route 1 Traffic Circle in Kittery, Maine, to the 129 sailors and civilians who perished aboard the USS Thresher (SSN 593), some of whom were Portsmouth residents, during a post-overhaul test dive off the New England coast in the worst submarine disaster in American history;

**THAT**, the City Council supports the plan to erect a 129-foot flagpole in the center of the Memorial Circle to symbolize the loss of these 129 lives, with this stately tribute to the Thresher built and home-ported at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard showcased by top-mounted lights 24 hours a day;

**THAT**, the City Council also urges Portsmouth businesses, organizations and private citizens to provide support and assistance as feasible and necessary to ensure the completion of this memorial by April 10, 2013, to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this tragedy that greatly affected our Seacoast area, including Portsmouth and its residents; and

**THAT** this resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

APPROVED:

  
ERIC SPEAR, MAYOR

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:  
NOVEMBER 13, 2012

  
KELLI L. BARNABY, CMC  
CITY CLERK