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Proclaiming Lewiston World Refugee Day

WHEREAS: World Refugee Day has been globally celebrated since 2001 and provides an opportunity for communities to highlight diverse cultures; and

WHEREAS: World Refugee Day reflects upon the courage, hope, and dreams of individuals who have been displaced by war and persecution; and

WHEREAS: According to the United Nations, every minutes 20 people leave everything behind to escape war, persecution, or terror; and

WHEREAS: Lewiston is home to individuals who have sought a peaceful place to raise their families, operate businesses, attend college, engage in community, and enjoy quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Today's local World Refugee Day honors the resilience and presence of our refugee neighbors and encourages unity within our city; and

WHEREAS: Diversity is celebrated at today's recognition, and we must also seek opportunities to celebrate it year round; and

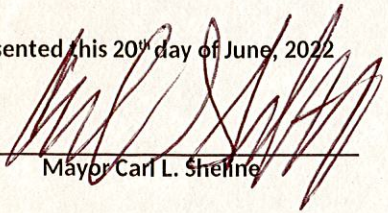
WHEREAS: We are grateful to our community's first responders and essential workers who we celebrate, acknowledge, and thank them for their service to our community and in particular our most vulnerable community members; and

WHEREAS: We can all learn from each other's life experiences as a united community working together both now and in the future.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carl L. Sheline, Mayor of the City of Lewiston, do hereby officially proclaim June 20, 2022, as **Lewiston World Refugee Day.**



Presented this 20th day of June, 2022



Mayor Carl L. Sheline