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Proclamation

Recognizing “Maine Arbor Week 2022”

WHEREAS: The Cities of Lewiston and Auburn are home to the LA Community Forest Board, which is celebrating **Maine Arbor Week** from May 16-22, 2022; and

WHEREAS: The City of Lewiston applauds the Board’s efforts to enhance the quality of life for all local residents by improving and preserving our community forests; and

WHEREAS: For the 19th year in a row, Lewiston, along with Auburn, has been designated as a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters & the USDA Forest Service, recognizing our very proactive Board and forestry program; and

WHEREAS: Since it was chartered in 2000, the LA Community Forest Board has planted over 200 street trees; and

WHEREAS: Since it was chartered in 2000, the LA Community Forest Board has received over \$48,000 in grant money to plant trees, provide educational workshops, conduct a street tree inventory, and create a Forest Management Plan; and

WHEREAS: It is important to remember that trees enhance property values and contribute to the economic vitality of communities; and

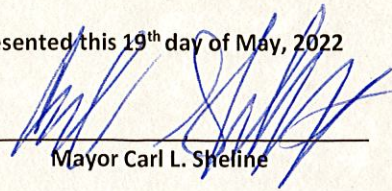
WHEREAS: Trees also reduce erosion of vital topsoil, reduce heating and cooling costs, moderate temperature, clean the air, provide life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife. Trees are also a renewable resource, providing paper, wood, fuel, and beauty within our community; and

WHEREAS: Wherever trees are planted, they often serve as a symbol of community renewal, and here in the City of Lewiston, the presence of trees certainly goes a long way in that regard.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carl L. Sheline, Mayor of the City of Lewiston, do hereby officially recognize May 16-22, 2022, as **Maine Arbor Week** and applaud the LA Community Forest Board for its diligent efforts.



Presented this 19th day of May, 2022


Mayor Carl L. Sheline