

LEWISTON ME

Proclamation

Recognizing the 2022 Community Effort to Restore Use of the Kennedy Park Pool

WHEREAS: This summer, the children of our community benefited from a revitalized Kennedy Park pool due to the collaborative efforts of Lewiston Recreation, YWCA Central Maine, and Lewiston Public Works; and

WHEREAS: Opening and sustaining pool operations after being out of service for a lengthy period of time was vast in nature, to include repairs, cleaning, and daily water testing; and

WHEREAS: Service of the pool continued throughout the summer, to include 224 hours of maintenance; and

WHEREAS: Amidst the 2022 lifeguard shortage, the YWCA Central Maine was literally a *"lifesaver"* by providing dedicated lifeguards to ensure oversight and safety at the pool; and

WHEREAS: A total of 924 free memberships were established for pool use with over 2,100 check-ins for a total of 110 hours of public swim contact time; and

WHEREAS: Youth engagement also included scheduled swimming time by Tree Street Youth, Boys & Girls Club, YWCA, and Camp Smiles; and

WHEREAS: Kennedy Park pool use by area youth is so much more than just swimming and cooling off in hot weather, but also provides exercise, socialization, education, and life skills; and

WHEREAS: Swimming at the pool with friends and family members also creates timeless memories and strengthens community connections.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carl L. Sheline, Mayor of the City of Lewiston, do hereby officially recognize the collaborative efforts of Lewiston Recreation, YWCA Central Maine, and Lewiston Public Works to ensure a positive, enjoyable resource for our community's youth during the summer of 2022.



Presented this 6th day of September, 2022


Mayor Carl L. Sheline