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Proclamation

Recognizing *Mainebiz* 40 Under 40 Young Professionals Positively Impacting Lewiston

WHEREAS: *Mainebiz*, a leading source of Maine business news and analysis, recently recognized the drive, passion, and accomplishments of three young professionals who contribute to Lewiston's business community; and

WHEREAS: Jenn Lever, President of Baxter Brewing Co.; Abdikhadar Shire, Founder and Co-Executive Director at AK Health and Social Services; and John Boyan, President of Sam's Italian Foods, are part of *Mainebiz* 40 Under 40; and

WHEREAS: *Mainebiz* regards Jenn, Abdikhadar, and John as outstanding role models within the business community and leading Maine into the future; and

WHEREAS: Jenn, Abdikhadar, and John are committed to personal and professional growth and to making a difference within our community; and

WHEREAS: Jenn led Baxter Brewing through a complete rebrand launch and created an environment that effectively navigated the pandemic, achieving double-digit growth for the last two years; and

WHEREAS: Abdikhadar is a nonprofit health field leader and founded AK Health and Social Services. He recently received the Bates College Harward Center 2022 Community Partnership Award for New Initiatives and is dedicated to providing exceptional support to those in need; and

WHEREAS: John, as President of Sam's Italian, holds a leadership role in preserving the legacy of a business in operation since 1939, as well as overseeing a recent transition to employee ownership. He is committed to employee owners growing professionally, as well as them growing the business and its revenue; and

WHEREAS: The City of Lewiston is proud to have these exceptional leaders in our community, applaud their *Mainebiz* recognition, and look forward to what they will accomplish next.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carl L. Sheline, Mayor of the City of Lewiston, do hereby officially recognize *Mainebiz* standouts Jenn Lever, Abdikhadar Shire, and John Boyan for continuing to make Lewiston a great place to do business and thrive.



Presented this 6th day of December, 2022



Mayor Carl L. Sheline