

# LEWISTON ME

## Proclamation

### Recognizing Lewiston High School Mock Trial Team for Winning the December 5, 2022, State Championship

**WHEREAS:** The Lewiston High School Mock Trial Team's skills and performance surpassed Cheverus High School, Casco Bay High School, and most recently Brewer High School at the December 5<sup>th</sup> state championship; and

**WHEREAS:** Lewiston's state championship qualifies the team to represent the State of Maine at the national competition in Little Rock, Arkansas, May 18 – 20, 2023; and

**WHEREAS:** At the national competition, LHS will join winning teams from across the country and abroad; and

**WHEREAS:** Mock trial competitions consist of students taking the roles of attorneys and witnesses in a hypothetical criminal trial, with students playing the roles of victim, defendant, expert witness, and other witnesses while student attorneys make opening and closing statements and conduct direct and cross examination of the witnesses; and

**WHEREAS:** Trials are conducted before Maine judges and attorneys who grade the students on their preparation, mastery of facts, the law and rules of evidence, and their demeanor and poise. Maine Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Valerie Stanfill presided over the finals competition; and

**WHEREAS:** This year, the mock trial team consists of students Ava Golder, Ben Cloutier, Sarah Mack, Gabby Thomas, Taylor Jean, Hayden LeCompte, Olivia Crowley, Ethan Rinko, Gabby Gladu, Kim McLaughlin, Adry Viles, Victoria Mpaka, and Hayley Aloegnikou; and

**WHEREAS:** Appreciation is extended to mock trial teacher/coach Michelle Crowley who was a former team member when attending LHS, and as coach, this is her second state championship; and

**WHEREAS:** Appreciation is also extended to coaching attorneys Paul Dionne of Dionne and Couturier Law Firm; Amy Dietrich of Skelton, Taintor, and Abbott Law Firm; retired attorney Ron Lebel, formerly of Skelton, Taintor, and Abbott, as well as recent LHS graduate and mock trial alum Dominic Pelletier who provided coaching support throughout the season.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Carl L. Sheline, Mayor of the City of Lewiston,** do hereby officially proudly recognize the Lewiston High School Mock Trial Team for their state championship mock trial win and bestow best wishes as “**Big Blue**” takes on the national mock trial competition in 2023.



Presented this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022

  
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Mayor Carl L. Sheline