

LEWISTON ME

Proclamation

Recognizing Connors' Elementary Civil Rights Team for Making National Christmas Tree Ornaments

WHEREAS: The Robert V. Connors Elementary Civil Rights Team is a group of students who meet after school twice a month working to make the school a more inclusive and welcoming space for everyone; and

WHEREAS: Their work is grounded in the civil rights identity wheel which includes national origin and ancestry, race and skin tone, religions, disabilities, gender identity and expression, and all kinds of love; and

WHEREAS: The Civil Rights Team at Robert V. Connors Elementary recently made history at Presidents Park in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Education was seeking ornaments for the Maine State Christmas tree in D.C. and reached out to Kelsey Boucher at Connors Elementary; and

WHEREAS: The Civil Rights Team seemed the perfect fit, since religion is part of the civil rights identity wheel and the team talks about different holidays; and

WHEREAS: The team took on the project; decided the ornament theme would be welcoming, belonging and inclusivity; and definitely left their mark at Presidents Park; and

WHEREAS: Connors' student leaders who rallied to the occasion were: Riley Brousseau, Feza Kisimba, Eleanor Paddock, Naimi Abdikadir, Noor Abdikadir, Olivia Green, Landon Leblond, Cheyanne Norton, Isabella Wilder, Madison Tavares, Xavier Hill, Vanessa Servidio, Zoey Cormier, Miles Wettlaufer, Bruno Muronda, Luqman Said, Connor Pholsina, Cadence Mahoney, Andre Lytton, Willow Stypinski, Abdirizak Hussein, Sydney Rittall, Bernard Mafumba, Peyton Williams, and Zoey Williams; and

WHEREAS: Appreciation is also extended to Advisors Kelsey Boucher and Nesrene Griffin, as well as Admin Advisor Travis Jalbert; and

WHEREAS: The City of Lewiston is extremely proud that the artwork and creativity of its students graced Presidents Park as the sole decorations on Maine's Christmas tree.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Carl L. Sheline, Mayor of the City of Lewiston, do hereby officially recognize members of the Connors' Civil Rights Team and applaud their dedication to representing both Maine and the City of Lewiston in stellar fashion.



Presented this 20th day of December, 2022



Mayor Carl L. Sheline