

Proclamation

Whereas: The country of Greece is admired for its strong commitment to freedom and self-determination; and

Whereas: March 25, 2021, marks the 200th anniversary of Greek independence from the Ottoman Empire; and with support from Americans and Europeans alike, the independent Greek nation was created in 1830; and

Whereas: Greek individuals here in Lewiston were one of the city's five largest waves of immigration in the early 1900s; and

Whereas: The first Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church was founded here in 1910 joined by Greek-run restaurants, coffee shops, cafes, fruit stores, candy stores, pool halls, shoe shine parlors, and the widely-known Simones Hot Dog; and

Whereas: Greek individuals also had a presence in Lewiston's former working mills and shoe shops; and

Whereas: Greek-Americans have continued to be involved in all aspects of life in Lewiston and are revered annually during the local Greek Festival & Pastry Sale—one time a year when everyone is Greek; and

Whereas: Lewiston is proud to have a Greek presence within its diverse population and appreciates the traditions and heritage that are shared with residents and visitors alike.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark A. Cayer, Mayor of the City of Lewiston, do hereby officially recognize March 25, 2021, as [the 200th anniversary of Greek Independence Day.](#)



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Lewiston, Maine, to be affixed this 24th day of March 2021.

Mark A. Cayer

Mark A. Cayer, Mayor