

City of Lewiston, Maine

Proclamation

Whereas: **World Refugee Day** has been globally celebrated since 2001 and provides an opportunity for communities to highlight diverse cultures; and

Whereas: **World Refugee Day** reflects upon the courage, hope, and dreams of individuals who have been displaced by war and persecution; and

Whereas: According to the United Nations, every minute 20 people leave everything behind to escape war, persecution, or terror; and

Whereas: Lewiston is home to individuals who have sought a peaceful place to raise their families, operate businesses, attend college, engage in community, and enjoy quality of life; and

Whereas: Today's local **World Refugee Day** honors the resilience and presence of our refugee neighbors and encourages unity within our city; and

Whereas: Diversity is celebrated at today's recognition, but we have a unique opportunity to celebrate it year round; and

Whereas: We can all learn from each other's life experiences as a united community working together both now and in the future.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mark A. Cayer, Mayor of the City of Lewiston, do hereby proclaim June 20, 2020, as **Lewiston World Refugee Day.**



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Lewiston, Maine, to be affixed this 20th day of June 2020.

Mayor Mark A. Cayer