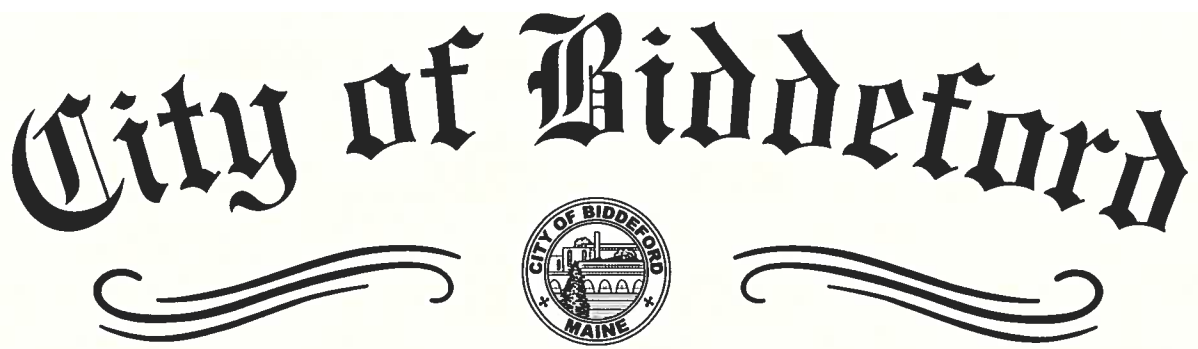




PROCLAMATION

Demanding Justice and Accountability for the Fatal Shooting of Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero, and Calling for Humane Immigration Reform

WHEREAS, Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero was a resident of Biddeford; and

WHEREAS, Johan had submitted an application to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services for permission to work, which was reviewed and approved; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security had issued Johan an Employment Authorization Document; and

WHEREAS, the United States Government had issued Johan a Social Security number; and

WHEREAS, because Johan was following correct procedures, the United States Government knew who he was, knew where he lived, had authorized him to work, knew he was working multiple jobs to provide for his family, and knew he was paying state and federal taxes as a result of his employment; and

WHEREAS, the same federal government that reviewed his application, documented his presence, issued him a federal work permit, and gave him a Social Security number had one of its agents shoot and kill Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero on July 13, 2026, in the streets of Biddeford, Maine; and

WHEREAS, Johan's violent and senseless death has caused immeasurable grief for Karolina, who has lost her life partner and the father of her young daughter; for Dulce, who must now grow up without her father; and for Johan's family, friends, loved ones, and the entire Biddeford community; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances that led to Johan's death at the hands of the United States Government require a thorough, impartial, independent, and transparent investigation, with the full involvement and cooperation of Maine law enforcement authorities; and all relevant evidence including recordings, communications, reports, dispatch information, physical evidence, personnel records, training materials, and other documentation must be preserved and disclosed to the fullest extent permitted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Biddeford Police Department employs only highly trained officers, and equips its officers with body-worn cameras, because this fundamental public safety and accountability tool is simple, reasonable, and so easily achievable; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement agents of the United States Government fell far short of the professional standards routinely upheld by local police departments throughout Maine, including unrelenting attention to safety, restrained use-of-force, and de-escalation training, and that this failure by agents of the United States Government to meet these basic standards led to the senseless use of deadly of force on Biddeford streets by an agent not equipped with a body-worn camera, resulting in an unrecorded death that further destroys the public's faith in the transparency, integrity, and accountability of federal immigration enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Biddeford is widely acknowledged throughout the United States as a community built by generations of immigrants, and to this day remains a city where people from many backgrounds have found opportunity, belonging, and a place to call home; and every person in Maine is entitled to dignity, safety, due process, equal protection under the law, and the fundamental right to be treated humanely.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Liam LaFountain, Mayor of the City of Biddeford, do hereby proclaim and:

1. Resolve to do everything within the City's lawful authority and available resources to support Karolina Rojas Alvarez and her daughter Dulce during this time of profound grief, despair, uncertainty, and need;
2. Call for a thorough, impartial, independent, and transparent investigation into Johan's death, conducted with the full involvement and cooperation of Maine law enforcement; and for the United States Government to cease its painfully reckless and deadly enforcement activities in Biddeford;
3. Demand that Congress and the Executive Branch reform the nation's decades-old, broken, and inhumane immigration system, a system that has separated families, subjected people, including children, to prolonged and degrading detention, denied meaningful due process, and caused immeasurable suffering and preventable death, and replace it with a just and humane system grounded in dignity, family unity, accountability, and respect for human life, and bring an end to immigration enforcement that operates without accountability and without regard for human life;
4. Refuse to accept the death of any member of this community as acceptable collateral for immigration enforcement in Biddeford, or in any community;
5. Reaffirm that all people who live in Biddeford are an essential part of Biddeford's identity, history, strength, and future, and that every person who lives, works, studies, worships, or raises a family in this city deserves to feel safe and to be treated with dignity.

*In Witness Whereof, We the undersigned have herewith affixed
our signatures this 21st day of July 2026.*

Liam LaFountain, Mayor



City Clerk