

WHEREAS, Historic Preservation Month is celebrated annually throughout the month of May, both locally and nationally, in order to recognize the significant role that preservation plays in our daily lives; and,

WHEREAS, the 2023 theme is “The Women of Independence” to highlight the places in Independence where women made history.”; and,

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for revitalizing neighborhoods and commercial districts, promoting sustainability, fostering civic pride, and maintaining character while enhancing livability; and,

WHEREAS, historic preservation is essential to heritage tourism in a 21st century economy; and,

WHEREAS, the City's dedicated historic site volunteers and preservation advocates provide unwavering support for our cultural resources; and,

WHEREAS, the promotion and preservation of the City’s historic buildings and sites is critical to the identity of Independence; and,

WHEREAS, historic preservation is significant for communities across the nation, for Americans of all ages, from all walks of life, and all ethnic backgrounds.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Rory R. Rowland, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2023, as

National Historic Preservation Month

and call upon the people of Independence to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City to be affixed this 1st day of May, 2023.

MAYOR

Attest:

CITY CLERK