

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2024 AS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing sustainability and livability; and

WHEREAS, the historic landscapes, parks, buildings and homes of Colorado Springs create a palate of place where the stories of those who came before us can be retold, of how booms and busts unfolded, where the actions of scoundrels and saints are played out, and where our life can play out today, enriched by the unique history of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life, and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, Historic Preservation Month is sponsored by the City of Colorado Springs, National Trust for Historic Preservation, History Colorado, Historic Preservation Alliance, and Historic Neighborhood Partnership; and

WHEREAS, in May 2024, the City and its community partners are actively working on the Historic Resource Survey Plan, an action item from the City's Historic Preservation Plan (HistoricCOS), celebrating the success of the fifth annual Pikes Peak Preservation Forum held on May 10, 2024, and with great honor announcing that Colorado Springs will be the host city for 2025 Saving Places Conference; and

WHEREAS, it is these types of efforts that highlight the significance of historic preservation; therefore, it is important that each May is designated as Historic Preservation Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

That May 2024 is hereby proclaimed Historic Preservation Month and the Council calls upon the people of Colorado Springs to join their fellow citizens across Colorado and the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance. Our work to protect our community heritage proves that in Colorado Springs we are "Better Together."

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 28th day of May, 2024.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk