

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

WHEREAS, National Historic Preservation Month, celebrated annually in May, is a time to recognize and celebrate the importance of preserving our nation's rich cultural heritage; 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, 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, Colorado Springs is home to numerous significant properties that contribute to our community's identity and character; and

WHEREAS, the historic places, sites and landscapes of Colorado Springs tell the stories of our past, connect us to our shared history, and provide valuable educational, cultural, and economic benefits; 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 supported by the City of Colorado Springs, National Trust for Historic Preservation, History Colorado, Historic Preservation Alliance and Historic Neighborhood Partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS that May 2025 is hereby proclaimed Historic Preservation Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage all residents, businesses and organizations to join in and celebrate National Historic Preservation Month by:

- Visting and learning about local historic sites.
- Participating in events and activities sponsored by the Historic Preservation Alliance, Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum, and Old Colorado City Historical Society and History Center.
- Supporting preservation efforts through volunteering, donating, or advocating for policy changes.
- Recognizing the importance of historic preservation and its contributions to a vibrant and sustainable community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend the efforts of the Historic Preservation Board, Historic Preservation Alliance, Historic Neighborhood Partnership, and Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum in promoting the preservation of our historic resources and urge their continued commitment to this important work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we celebrate and highlight the successes and achievements of Historic Preservation made in Colorado Springs throughout 2025 as follows:

- The listing of the Dr. Issac E. and Kather C. Moore House, 738 North Spruce Street, on the National Register of Historic Places as a tourist home for black travelers during segregation, and for Dr. Moore being the only black doctor in the City from 1920 to 1931, founder of a hospital for Black residents, and president of the local chapter of the NAACP.
- The listing of the Howard and Ruth Dutzi House, 4300 Ridgecrest Drive, on the National Register of Historic Places as an excellent example of the Mid-Century Modern Architectural style and designed by Howard Dutzi.
- The completion of a Report of Acceptability at the Harrison Residence, 1206 N Cascade Avenue, for its restoration of the front entry to its original design and location.
- The establishment of a Historic Preservation Overlay known as the Parkside Historic District, a historic City neighborhood that exhibits the development characteristics of seven (7) decades from the Little London Era to post-World War II era.
- The completion of the Historic Resource Survey Plan by the Historic Preservation Board, a practical guidebook for Historic Preservation and Historic Resource Survey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this work to protect and recognize our community heritage and history proves that in Colorado Springs we are "Better Together."

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 27th day of May 2025.

Lynette Crow-Iverson,
Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk