

# PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

## **Proclamation No. 20-0425 PROCLAMATION ON PRESERVATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation – urban, rural, and everywhere in between – 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 preserving the complete history of the American experience; and

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, promoting sustainability, and maintaining community character while also enhancing livability for all who live in and enjoy the City and County of Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and County of Denver, per its Landmark Preservation Ordinance, has declared as a matter of public policy that the protection, enhancement, perpetuation and use of structures and districts of historical, architectural, geographic, or cultural significance, located within the city or its mountains parks, is a public necessity, and is required in the interest of the prosperity, civic pride and general welfare of the people; and

**WHEREAS**, the Landmark Preservation Ordinance also states that the economic, cultural and aesthetic standing of the city cannot be maintained or enhanced by disregarding the historical, architectural and geographic heritage of the city and by ignoring the destruction or defacement of such cultural assets; and

**WHEREAS**, the city has designated 348 individual structures and 56 historic districts as Denver Landmarks, totaling more than 7,000 buildings across the city that share the stories of our collective histories; and

**WHEREAS**, the city is committed to expanding the knowledge and celebration of the city's diverse history through the citywide building survey initiative called Discover Denver that is surveying historic places in every statistical neighborhood of the city; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:**

**Section 1.** That the Council of the City and County of Denver proclaims May 2020 as Preservation Month and calls upon the people of the City and County of Denver to join citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Community Planning & Development Department of the City and County of Denver.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL, May 4, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_ PRESIDENT