

## Proclamation No. 25-0749 Honoring Preservation Month

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is recognized nationally as Preservation Month, a time to honor the historic places that shape our identity, foster community pride, and reflect the diversity of stories that form the American experience; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver's historic buildings, districts, and cultural landmarks contribute to the city's unique sense of place, enriching our urban fabric with architectural beauty, cultural significance, and a deep connection to our shared past; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than 50 years, Historic Denver has served as a trusted steward and passionate advocate for preservation, protecting the places that matter through collaboration, education, and innovative policy work that balances growth with the need to honor heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Historic Denver has played a vital role in protecting icons such as the Molly Brown House Museum, the Paramount Theatre, and numerous homes, schools, churches, and commercial buildings that serve as touchstones for Denver's richly layered history; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization's community-centered approach empowers residents to engage with the stories of their neighborhoods, offering tools, resources, and programming such as walking tours, the Action Fund, and the Historic Neighborhood Toolkit that promote inclusive preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, preserving historic places contributes to economic vitality through tourism, job creation, and the revitalization of neighborhoods, while supporting sustainability and climate resilience through the conservation of embodied energy and reduction of construction waste; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued efforts of Historic Denver and its partners help ensure that preservation is not just about buildings—but about people, culture, memory, and identity, honoring all communities, especially those historically underrepresented in the built environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Denver is a growing, dynamic city that embraces innovation and inclusive development, and recognizes that progress and preservation can go hand in hand—that we can build a more equitable, sustainable, and forward-thinking city while honoring and preserving the places and stories that brought us here.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE DENVER CITY COUNCIL:

**Section 1.** That the Denver City Council designates May as Preservation Month.

**Section 2.** That the Clerk and Recorder 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 Historic Denver.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL May 19, 2025

