

**PROCLAMATION**

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia values the positive financial, social, and environmental impacts of historic preservation and its contribution to the unique character, livability, and lovability of our community; and*

*WHEREAS, history and heritage are living and dynamic forces in a healthy community; and*

*WHEREAS, the stories and lived experiences of Olympians are as diverse as the people and events of our world, and evident in many differing and sometimes under-recognized forms; and*

*WHEREAS, Olympia's architecture and built environment is but a starting point for community-building and telling the stories of all Olympians, especially those of marginalized and under-represented populations;*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim May 2024 as*

***OLYMPIA HERITAGE MONTH***

*And encourages all resident to explore, recognize and celebrate our diverse history and heritage and expand access to it for all Olympians.*

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 21st DAY OF MAY, 2024.***

***OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL***

***Dante Payne  
Mayor***