

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Olympia Heritage Commission works with other community partners to celebrate our city's historic places; and

WHEREAS, this year's focus is on Olympia's long-time role as the transportation hub for the southern end of Puget Sound; and

WHEREAS, Western Washington Tribes have long had a well-established network of trails and water routes throughout our region; and

WHEREAS, these trail and water networks were also used by nineteenth century settlers, giving way to different transportation patterns like gridded streets, plank sidewalks, and regularized public transportation by water; and

WHEREAS, before automobiles, nineteenth-century cyclists were largely responsible for lobbying the State Legislature and local governments for paved roads under the Washington State Good Roads Association; and

WHEREAS, Olympia's City Engineer gave their first annual report to the City Council in 1891 in which they advocated for paving Downtown streets, later transforming muddy roads into thoroughfares accessible year-round; and

WHEREAS, transportation networks continued to improve throughout the twentieth century, supporting the growth and vitality of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, Olympia's community, Public Works department, and other regional and State partners have continued to formally and informally evolve our city's transportation networks to accommodate the needs of everyone;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim May 2018 to be

OLYMPIA HERITAGE MONTH

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 22nd DAY OF MAY, 2018.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

Cheryl Selby
Mayor