

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, May is celebrated as Preservation Month both nationally and locally within the City of Olympia, which provides an opportunity to appreciate Olympia's rich history, highlight the positive impact that historic places have on the City, and recognize significant events, people, projects, and places that contribute to historic preservation in our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia adopted Ordinance No. 4438 for Historic Preservation on May 17, 1983, making May 2023 its 40th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, adopting this ordinance honored that Olympia has its own important history: the recognition, enhancement, and continued use of properties with historical significance to the City of Olympia is beneficial in the interest of civic pride and the prosperity and general welfare of the City's inhabitants; and such historic assets are an integral part of the heritage, education, and economic base of the City of Olympia; and

WHEREAS, within those 40 years, the Capitol Campus, Rogers Street, and Olympic Avenue Historic Districts, and over 150 individual historic properties have been listed in the Olympia Heritage Register, as well as the South Capitol and Downtown Historic Districts and 40 individual historic properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is the second-oldest Certified Local Government in the State of Washington as approved by the National Park Service in 1986 and thereby charged to promote and protect Olympia's historic properties; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Heritage Commission has forwarded its nominations for the 2023 Olympia Heritage Awards to the City Livability and Public Safety Commission on April 26, 2023 celebrating seven people, places, and things that contribute to our uniquely-Olympia heritage; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council hereby proclaims May 2023 as

OLYMPIA HERITAGE MONTH

And encourages all residents to celebrate the places that make our City special.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, THIS 9th DAY OF May, 2023.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Cheryl Selby
Mayor*