

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

*WHEREAS, Olympia took its first steps towards becoming a city when it was platted in 1850, becoming the Washington Territory capital in 1853 and State capital in 1890; and*

*WHEREAS, Olympia's history is recorded and reflected in its buildings and landscapes, giving the city a character like no other; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Olympia recognizes the financial, social, and environmental impact of preserving the historic places and spaces in our community; and*

*WHEREAS, the rehabilitation and reuse of existing buildings contributes to the City's goal of promoting environmentally sustainable growth; and*

*WHEREAS, thousands of Olympians actively maintain and rehabilitate their historic homes and places of business, giving each of our neighborhoods a distinctive sense of place where people want to live, work, and visit; and*

*WHEREAS, our Downtown Olympia Historic District provides the unique setting for a multitude of thriving local businesses which drive our economy; and*

*WHEREAS, Olympia's downtown has dozens of buildings which are celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>, and 50<sup>th</sup> birthdays this year;*

*NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim May, 2015 to be*

**NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH**

**SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 19<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2015.**

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

*Stephen H. Buxbaum  
Mayor*