

**PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS, Olympia's Heritage is an enduring but fragile treasure, deserving of protection; and***

***WHEREAS, once lost or destroyed, historic elements that contribute to the character of our community cannot be replaced; and***

***WHEREAS, historic value can be easily set aside in the face of financial pressures and practical concerns, and misinformation; and***

***WHEREAS, Olympia's residential architecture plays an essential role in shaping our community's character and establishing a sense of place; and***

***WHEREAS, historic homeowners bear a considerable burden of preservation stewardship for the entire community, deserving of our support and recognition; and***

***WHEREAS, the most common and damaging loss to historic homes is through the replacement of historic windows with short-lived inferior substitutes; and***

***WHEREAS, repair and restoration of wood windows is a sustainable and valued local craft that contributes to our local economy while preserving historic buildings; and***

***WHEREAS, the energy efficiency of historic wood windows in good repair can equal or exceed that of replacement windows if paired with storm windows;***

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim May 2019 to be***

***OLYMPIA HERITAGE MONTH,  
Kicking off a year of activities promoting preservation of historic windows through community workshops, outreach and education.***

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 7th DAY OF MAY, 2019.***

***OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL***

***Cheryl Selby  
Mayor***