

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Olympia's built 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 often be set aside in the face of financial pressures, practical concerns, and misinformation; and

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

WHEREAS, owners of historic properties bear considerable responsibility for preservation stewardship for the entire community, deserving of our support and recognition; and

WHEREAS, the most common and damaging loss to historic homes and buildings 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 craft that contributes to our local economy and strengthens Olympia's sense of place; and

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

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

OLYMPIA HERITAGE MONTH

And urge citizens to participate in 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***