

## **PROCLAMATION**

***WHEREAS, each year the month of May is dedicated to National Preservation Month, celebrating our local and national heritage through historic places; and***

***WHEREAS, Olympia's historic places are part of the fabric of our community and our collective history, the setting within which many of our downtown businesses flourish, our culture and arts are shared, and individual stories are lived and told; and***

***WHEREAS, women of Olympia organized, advocated, and fought alongside suffragists across the country to secure voting rights for women in US elections in 100 years ago, and in so doing inspired succeeding generations of women, of all walks of life, to persist in following their dreams and ambitions, and reminded all Americans of the power of uniting around shared values and common goals; and***

***WHEREAS, in 2020, a historic period of global pandemic threatens many of the businesses and cultural institutions that flourish here, especially within the historic core of our city's downtown and our community's historic public spaces; and***

***WHEREAS, our rich history is a source of inspiration that can unite the Olympia community in our efforts to meet this challenge, recover our city's economy, reinvigorate, and preserve our rich cultural, historic, and creative assets; and***

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim May 2020 to be***

## **OLYMPIA HERITAGE MONTH**

***And encourages all citizens to explore and enjoy local heritage and history through online resources, including the City's Women of Olympia Heritage Month series, and the rich offerings of the Olympia Historical Society including the Olympia Women's Suffrage Trail; and when safe to do so, by patronizing local businesses, restaurants and venues in our historic downtown and historic places.***

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 5th DAY OF MAY 2020.***

**OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL**

***Cheryl Selby  
Mayor***