



## City Council

### Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Preservation Month

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#### Title

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#### Recommended Action

##### Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

##### City Manager Recommendation:

Recognize May as Preservation Month in the City of Olympia.

#### Report

##### Issue:

Whether to recognize May as Preservation Month in Olympia.

##### Staff Contact:

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##### Presenter(s):

Michelle Sadlier, Historic Preservation Officer  
Holly Davies, Outgoing Chair, Olympia Heritage Commission  
Katherine Kelly, Incoming Chair, Olympia Heritage Commission

##### Background and Analysis:

Since 1973, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and local preservation groups have celebrated Preservation Month each May. The long-standing goals of this annual event are:

- To promote historic places to instill national and community pride,
- To promote heritage tourism, and
- To show the social and economic benefits of historic preservation.

This year, the Olympia Heritage Commission has selected for its theme our community's very own shellfish: the Olympia Oyster.

Building on last year's successful partnering with other community organizations on Preservation Month, the Commission is working with a number of groups to plan events later in May to highlight the importance of the Olympia Oyster to the people, landscapes, and economy of our region. This year's community partners include the Olympia Historical Society and Bigelow House Museum, Olympia Archaeological Society, Washington State Archives, and a number of local businesses. Details on the events will be provided to the City Council at tonight's meeting.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

General community interest in protecting the historic places that give our city its unique character and tell the story of our past.

**Financial Impact:**

Staff time included in base budget.

**Attachments:**

Proclamation