

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this year marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and establishment of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the National Trust for Historic Preservation's theme for National Preservation Month 2026 is 'All People Are Created Equal' and the nation is celebrating by sharing historic sites, neighborhoods, and landmarks that tell the full American story; and

WHEREAS, embracing the identities, lived experiences, and diverse perspectives of Olympia's growing community enhances the livability and vibrancy of the city for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia recognizes that history and heritage are essential components of a community's identity, and equitable opportunities for access and participation in Historic Preservation programming play a large role in painting a fuller picture of the past ; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia Heritage Commission is dedicated to providing education and resources that support all residents and community members in learning about Olympia's history by recognizing historic structures and the stories of communities before us; and

WHEREAS, educating the community on our shared history and challenges helps all of us contribute to a more positive world for the future;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim the month of May 2026 to be

***OLYMPIA HERITAGE MONTH,
Finding new ways to recognize and celebrate our diverse history and heritage and expand access to education and programming for all Olympians.***

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 19th DAY OF MAY, 2026.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Dontae Payne
Mayor***