

# ***NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH 2020***

## ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, The National Trust for Historic Preservation established May as Historic Preservation Month in 1973, as a way to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling nation and community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation; and

***WHEREAS***, Historic Preservation Month can instill awareness of the local historically significant buildings and landmarks to the residents of Savannah and surrounding communities; and

***WHEREAS***, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

***WHEREAS***, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

***WHEREAS***, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

***WHEREAS***, the Savannah community continues to demonstrate its commitment to preservation, as it grows and develops, through ongoing historic resource surveys; the nomination of historic resources to the National Register of Historic Places; the protection of its traditional neighborhoods; and the recognition, rehabilitation and restoration of historic properties;

***NOW THEREFORE***, I, Van R. Johnson II, Mayor of the City of Savannah, Georgia do proclaim May 2020 as National Preservation Month, and call upon the citizens of Savannah to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Savannah, Georgia to be affixed this 23rd day of April 2020.

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*Van R. Johnson II, Mayor*