



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH  
May 2018**

*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's history is the nation's history; from the founding of our country in the 18th century to the commonwealth's position as a national leader in the 20th century, the commonwealth is home to a rich and diverse collection of important stories from our collective past; and*

*WHEREAS, the historic buildings, neighborhoods, archaeological sites, and military battlefields throughout the commonwealth are tangible evidence not only of this important national history but also tell the stories of generations of citizens and their triumphs and tragedies; and*

*WHEREAS, historic preservation focuses on identifying and celebrating the places that connect people to their individual and collective heritage, and works toward creating an environment that supports the rehabilitation of historic buildings and neighborhoods, spurs economic development, and manages change in our communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania helped to shape the foundation of national historic preservation policies through the efforts of S. K. Stevens, former Pennsylvania State Historian, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and the first chairman of the United States' Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; and*

*WHEREAS, the first Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places, the National Park Service's official list of the nation's historic places worthy of preservation, was Pennsylvania native, William J. Murtagh, one of the world's leading historic preservationists and a "founding father" of the preservation movement; and*

*WHEREAS, the people of Pennsylvania deserve a future that includes places – old and new – that define who we are and embrace historic preservation as a means of expressing individual and community identity and pride; and*

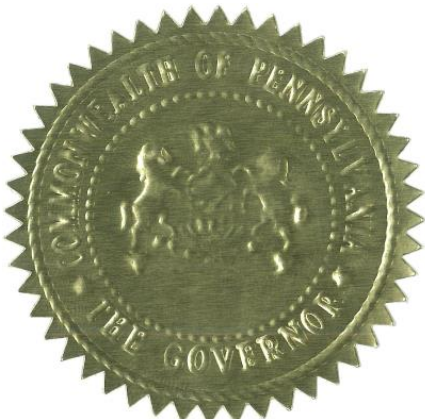
*WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania states, "The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and aesthetic values of the environment"; and*

*WHEREAS, communities recognize the importance of their history and environment and, through collaboration with new perspectives and creative partnerships, pursue opportunities to maintain and enhance older and historic places that are important to them; and*

*WHEREAS, historic preservation programs and activities have had a profound and positive economic as well as environmental impact on communities throughout the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by creating jobs, bolstering tourism, and promoting sustainability and healthy communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its public and private partners and organizations work to align their programs and funding to encourage the preservation and recognition of the places that tell Pennsylvania's multi-faceted story and empower Pennsylvanians to use preservation to identify, celebrate, and protect the places that make Pennsylvania unique.*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 2018 as PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH. I encourage all Pennsylvanians to provide their support in furthering the preservation of our rich history.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this fourteenth day of March two thousand eighteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.*

*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor