

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

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 21st century, the fabric of our Commonwealth is a rich and diverse tapestry 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 Pennsylvanians 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 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, historic preservation programs and activities have had a profound and positive economic as well as environmental impact on communities throughout Pennsylvania by creating jobs, bolstering tourism, and promoting sustainability and healthy communities; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth and its public and private partners 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, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim May 2025, 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, on this twenty-eighth day of April two thousand twenty-five, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-ninth.

Governor Josh Shapiro