



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: The people of Minnesota value the state's rich and diverse history with a prehistory that extends at least 13,000 years; and

WHEREAS: Tangible links to that history can be found in the built environment, main streets, urban and rural settings, natural environments, archaeological sites, and cultural landscapes that together allow us to better understand and learn from our shared past; and

WHEREAS: That heritage gave rise to establishing a state historical society before statehood, adopting state laws to recognize and protect historic places for the benefit of the people of the state, and authorizing grant and tax incentive programs for the identification, preservation, and continued use of historic properties; and

WHEREAS: That heritage also prompted participation in the nation's historic preservation programs by establishing the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office, whose mission is to encourage best preservation practices for all to share in the enduring environmental, social, and economic benefits of Minnesota's historical and cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS: Since 1966, over 110,000 resources have been recorded in every county as part of the Statewide Historic Inventory, over 1,800 properties have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and 45 communities have Heritage Preservation Commissions with local preservation programs and laws; and

WHEREAS: Since 2011, the Minnesota Historic Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit has generated \$5 billion in economic activity and supported over 28,000 new jobs, having a profound and positive economic impact on the state, while the Legacy Amendment has awarded over \$24 million for a variety of historic preservation projects between 2012 and 2020; and

WHEREAS: Looking to the future, Minnesota has a new Statewide Historic Preservation Plan, 2022-2032, the culmination of a three-year effort to learn from the public, partners, and stakeholders, which shares a vision for how Minnesotans can work together to preserve and protect the full array of historic resources; and

WHEREAS: The Plan outlines Goals and Objectives for members of the public, local communities, private partners, lawmakers, agencies, and other organizations to achieve while they share in the responsibility of being stewards for places that tell Minnesota's multi-layered stories and promote preservation activities that recognize, celebrate, reflect, and protect Minnesota's heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 2022 as:

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April.

GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE