

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Preservation of our historic buildings and sites is a proven economic development tool that creates jobs, attracts investment, revitalizes downtowns and neighborhoods, stimulates heritage tourism, fosters new business development, assists affordable housing, increases property values and improves the economic climate of communities; and

WHEREAS, 2021 marks the 55th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, which established federal historic preservation policy and the framework for the Iowa Legislature to create the state historic preservation office, setting up a successful partnership between federal, state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, The State Historic Preservation Office is responsible for the identification, protection and preservation of archaeological sites and historic and cultural resources throughout the State of Iowa, in partnership with elected officials, community leaders, advocates, nonprofit organizations and interested citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Charles City Historic Preservation Commission was established in 1994 with the mission to: “promote and safeguard our city’s historical and architectural heritage through education and leadership.”

WHEREAS, National Historic Preservation Month is observed annually in May; 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 because of the wealth of Iowa’s historic buildings, sites, structures and places, it is important that citizens of Charles City and the State of Iowa recognize and value this heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (____ Mayor or Mayor Pro-Tem ____) of Charles City, do hereby proclaim May 2021 as

HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

in Charles City, Iowa, and encourage its observance

[Date and local signature lines]