



# PROCLAMATION

## Preservation Month 2019

**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:** In 1952 The City of Frederick created a historic district, becoming the second city in Maryland and the 13th in the nation to establish a local historic district, and that district has evolved into one of the best preserved in the nation and one of the largest contiguous districts in Maryland; and

**WHEREAS:** Thoughtful and dedicated preservation has established Frederick as a unique destination that interconnects history with growth into the future; and

**WHEREAS:** National Preservation Month is an opportunity to excite current supporters and introduce new audiences to the work being done to enrich and preserve the places that make our community special,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mayor Michael O'Connor, do proclaim May 2019 as **National Preservation Month** and call upon the people of The City of Frederick to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. O'Connor", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Michael O'Connor  
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Derek Shackelford, Roger Wilson,  
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