

City of Visalia Proclamation

National Historic Preservation Month

WHEREAS, settled in 1852 and incorporated as a city in 1874, Visalia is the oldest Central Valley city south of Stockton and hosts an impressive collection of historic sites and structures, including four that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the City of Visalia adopted a Historic Preservation Ordinance, which established criteria concerning development proposals within the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the City created and maintains a listing of 368 historically significant structures known as the Local Register of Historic Structures; and

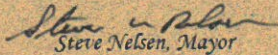
WHEREAS, the City established the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC), which is made up of community volunteers that oversee development proposals for sites within the Historic District and Local Register of Historic Structures; and

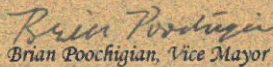
WHEREAS, three distinct Historic District sections were created to the north, south and west of the downtown area, containing groupings of architecturally and historically significant structures. These structures are collectively known as the Historic District Overlay; and

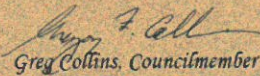
WHEREAS, in January of 2022 the City installed navigational Historic District signage that identifies the boundaries and areas within the Historic District Overlay; and

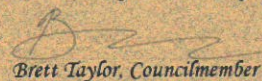
WHEREAS, the preservation of historic structures provides a tangible link with the past, thus providing a key to understanding our heritage and identity, while also reinforcing pride in our community.

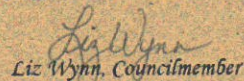
NOW, THEREFORE, the Visalia City Council does hereby proclaim the month of May as National Historic Preservation Month in the City of Visalia and appreciates the dedication and hard work put forth by the Historic Preservation Committee.


Steve Nelsen, Mayor


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Greg Collins, Councilmember


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May 2, 2022