

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, 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, "This Place Matters" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2009, cosponsored in Tallahassee by the Tallahassee Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I John R., Marks, III, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Tallahassee, do proclaim May 2009 as

National Preservation Month

in Tallahassee, and call upon the people of Tallahassee to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.