

# PROCLAMATION

## 2008 PRESERVATION MONTH PROCLAMATION

**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 2008, cosponsored by City of Oregon City and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

**Now, Therefore, I, Alice Norris**, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim

**May 2008**

as

**National Historic Preservation Month**

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



  
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ALICE NORRIS, Mayor

## HOW YOU CAN PROMOTE HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN OREGON CITY

1. Show your kids where you went to school or got married.
2. Shop in a historic commercial district. Be sure to look up so you can admire the detail of the buildings' upper floors.
3. Visit a place where history was made or a museum dedicated to history.
4. Eat at a restaurant in a historic building. If you like the atmosphere, tell the owner or host.
5. Attend a live performance or movie at a historic theater.
6. Walk around a historic residential neighborhood.
7. Stay in a historic hotel or at a historic B&B.
8. Attend services in a historic church or synagogue.
9. Take a tour of historic houses in your community.
10. Buy a historic house and rehabilitate it.
11. Reuse an old building in downtown for your business or organization.
12. Let your City Commission know that old buildings are important to your community. Encourage them to keep municipal offices in your downtown.
13. Convince your school board to keep using your historic schools.
14. Encourage an ethic of stewardship and high quality rehabilitation work in your community.
15. Volunteer with organizations where preservation makes a difference: the planning commission, development review board, library board, downtown organization, or Historic Review Board.