City of West Linn
PROCLAMATION
Historic Preservation Month - May 2007

WHEREAS, West Linn has a rich and unique history and culture as old as the Oregon Country itself, that is reflected in its historic buildings, objects, landscapes, trees, archeological resources, and other cultural, social and political heritage; and

WHEREAS, West Linn supports the preservation of all such resources to promote heritage tourism for the enjoyment and education of city residents and those traveling from elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, West Linn recognizes that historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, increasing property values, increased economic and financial benefits, fostering local pride, maintaining community character, and 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, West Linn wishes to encourage public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the City's history and culture; and

WHEREAS, West Linn embraces the importance of celebrating the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible and intangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

WHEREAS, West Linn would like to recognize those individuals who work and volunteer throughout the year to make preservation work, including all the members of historical societies, museums, historic foundations, including the newly appointed West Linn Historic Resource Advisory Board – which held its first monthly meeting on February 6, 2007, completed a Certified Local Government grant application for 2007, and will be receiving $11,800 in grant funding from the State Historic Preservation Office for work on various historic preservation activities in the city

in the next few months, and noting our association with the Clackamas County Historic Review Board, which continues to serve West Linn regarding individual development applications in the Willamette Historic District.

WHEREAS, West Linn appreciates the work of private individuals whose excellent stewardship helps preserve the historic buildings, sites and objects that honor and give testimony to our historic past; and

WHEREAS, "*Making Preservation Work!*" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN that May 2007 is National Historic Preservation Month, and Council calls upon the people of West Linn to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Dated this 23rd day of April 2007.

Norman B. King

Norman B. King, Mayor