

**PROCLAMATION OBSERVING NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH**

**MAY 2024**

**P-2024-09**

**WHEREAS**, the National Preservation Month was established in 1973 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Monroe has been a Certified Local Government since March 1986; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Monroe has approximately 400 parcels in its South Monroe Historic District; and

**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**, in the City of Monroe, National Preservation Month 2024 will be observed through the following two events sponsored by the City of Monroe Historic District Commission:

Photo Contest for a Historic District Calendar

Time: Ongoing through the month of May; submissions due May 31, 2024

Location: Historic District

Architecture Scavenger Hunt

Time: Ongoing through the month of May; submissions due May 31, 2024

Location: Historic Downtown area

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert A. Burns, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Monroe, do hereby proclaim and observe May 2024 as **NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH** and encourage the local citizenry to participate in activities that foster awareness and appreciation of historic structures and historic contributions to shaping the history of Monroe, Union County, North Carolina and America.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Monroe to be affixed this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

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Robert Burns, Mayor

Attest:

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Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk