

CITY OF WINTER PARK

proclamation

Historic Preservation Month | May 2026

WHEREAS, the National Trust for Historic Preservation® established a Historic Preservation Week in May 1973; and in 2005, the National Trust extended the celebration to the entire month as a way to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation; and

WHEREAS, it is important to celebrate the history in our community and the contributions made by individuals who are dedicated to helping preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped our city; and

WHEREAS, the City of Winter Park is a city recognized for its old Florida sense of place and unique character, due in part to its historic architecture as reflected in its vibrant downtown, gracious neighborhoods and landmark buildings; and

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the historic preservation ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the city's Planning & Zoning Department serves as the liaison to the Historic Preservation Board to safeguard 200 historic homes within the city, as well as the College Quarter and Virginia Heights, East – its two historic districts – and Downtown Winter Park and Interlachen Avenue, both listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Board offers a variety of incentives to encourage residents to apply for historic designation of their homes; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the city also became a Certified Local Government community with the National Park Service, making a commitment to national historic preservation standards helping preserve, protect and increase awareness of our unique cultural heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sheila DeCiccio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Winter Park in the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2026** as “**Historic Preservation Month**” in Winter Park, Florida, and encourage all residents to work together in preserving the old Florida sense of place our beautiful city is known for.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Winter Park, Florida, to be affixed this 13th day of May 2026.

Sheila DeCiccio
Mayor