

## **BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

In the Matter of Proclaiming)May 2024 as Historic Preservation)Proclamation P2024-009Month in Benton County)

Benton County's theme for Historic Preservation Month is "Trails through Time". This theme encourages our community to ponder the various historic manifestations of spiritual and physical trails that led through time to both misery and happiness; and,

Historic preservation educational activities inform people how the present societal and cultural character of Benton County, and Oregon, evolved through time; and,

Heritage programs like historic downtowns, Main Streets, historical societies, museums, and certified local governments help communities leverage financial and other resources that contribute to the betterment of public spaces, more effectively bring people together, and build knowledge and skills that reach beyond heritage alone; and,

Heritage nonprofit organizations and preservation volunteers collect, preserve, transmit, and interpret Oregon's rich history and culture and the landmarks, stories, and artifacts that help shape current and future generations' sense of place and identity; and,

Honoring history brings people together in shared purpose and identity, binding communities together, and bridging the past with the future.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that May is Historic Preservation Month in Benton County, and all community members are encouraged to join together to celebrate this observance.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

Signed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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