

WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for preserving community history, 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 our heritage that has shaped us as a people; and,

WHEREAS, "This Place Matters" is the nationwide theme for the National Trust for Historic Preservation that encourages people to celebrate the places that are meaningful to them and to their communities; and,

WHEREAS, in remembrance of Lee's Summit's history and notable historic figures, the Historic Preservation Commission is hosting a Walking Tour of Lee's Summit historic homes listed on the National Register Districts on May 6, and a Strawberry Lawn Fete on May 14 to honor the Rock Island Corridor Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, I hereby proclaim May 2017, as

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

and encourage the people of Lee's Summit to recognize and participate in these special events to enrich and preserve the history of our community.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this 4th day of May, 2017.

MAYOR RANDALL L. RHOADS