

## PROCLAMATION

### NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH

**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, 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**, “This Place Matters” is the theme for National Preservation Month 2009, cosponsored by Preservation of Historic Winchester and the National Trust for Historic Preservation

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Elizabeth Minor, Mayor of Winchester, do proclaim May 2009 as National Preservation Month, and call upon the people of Winchester to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Signed this \_\_\_ day of May, 2009.

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Elizabeth Minor, Mayor  
City of Winchester, Virginia