



PROCLAMATION

National Preservation Month

Whereas, local historic preservation is an effective tool for 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, this year's theme, "This Place Matters" encourages citizens to identify, celebrate and help to preserve places that are important to them – then work to save them and celebrate their vital role in our community; and

Whereas, Vicksburg has many "Places that Matter" in our National Historic Landmark district; and

Whereas, many Vicksburg residents, groups, and organizations, work hard to preserve Vicksburg's past for future generations; and

Whereas, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by Vicksburg Main Street, City of Vicksburg, Vicksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation, Vicksburg Heritage Guild and many dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped our Vicksburg community; and

Whereas, the success of Vicksburg's downtown is largely due to historic preservation; and

Whereas, groups such as Vicksburg Main Street, City of Vicksburg, Vicksburg Convention and Visitors Bureau, Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation play a large part in the success of our downtown area.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, George Flaggs, Jr., Mayor of the City of Vicksburg, on behalf of the Honorable Michael A. Mayfield, Sr., North Ward Alderman and the Honorable Willis T. Thompson, South Ward Alderman, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2017 as **National Preservation Month** in Vicksburg. We ask the citizens of Vicksburg to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Signed this 1st day of May 2017.

George Flaggs, Jr., Mayor

Michael A. Mayfield, Sr. Alderman

Willis T. Thompson, Alderman