



## PROCLAMATION

### WHEREAS:

In 1973 the National Trust for Historic Preservation established a week in May as National Historic Preservation week in 1973, and in 2005 expanded the celebration to a month-long observance; and

The Oak Ridge community has a rich and abundant history, and was first inhabited by Native Americans; and

The earliest European settlers settled in Oak Ridge in the mid-1700s; and

Town leaders acknowledge the area's history with icons on the town seal including the Old Mill of Guilford (originally dating to 1767) and Oak Ridge Military Academy (established 1852); and

A Historic District was established in 1994, and a Historic Preservation Commission appointed, whose mission is to promote and the restoration and preservation of historical structures within the Town and to ensure compatibility when new structures are built; and

The Town of Oak Ridge recognizes that in order to move forward, it is imperative that we acknowledge, honor, and preserve our past; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I do hereby proclaim May 2022 as

## *Historic Preservation Month*

in the Town of Oak Ridge, North Carolina, and I urge all citizens to celebrate efforts to preserve the Town's history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Oak Ridge to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

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Ann K. Schneider  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sandra B. Smith, CMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk