



Proclaiming

May 2026

National Historic Preservation Month  
in Ventura County

**Whereas**, on October 15, 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law the National Historic Preservation Act establishing the National Register of Historic Places and state historic preservation offices; and

**Whereas**, in 1966, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors adopted its first Cultural Heritage Ordinance establishing the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board; and

**Whereas**, the Cultural Heritage Board serves to promote the economic and general welfare of Ventura County by preserving and protecting historic, cultural, and natural resources of special historical or aesthetic character or interest; and

**Whereas**, the National Trust for Historic Preservation established May as National Historic Preservation Month in 1973 to promote historic places for the purpose of instilling national and community pride, promoting heritage tourism, and showing the social and economic benefits of historic preservation; and

**Whereas**, cultural and historic resources are an important component of a quality environment and worthy of preservation for present and future generations; 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 the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

**Whereas**, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

**Whereas**, the Cultural Heritage Board, with support from the Resource Management Agency Planning Division, has partnered with the County's Arts and Culture Division, the Ventura County Arts Council, and Plain Air Ventura County to celebrate Ventura County's historic landmarks through the creation of over 100 plain air artworks, to be exhibited during the "Treasures of Ventura County" Art Show at the Government Center Hall of Administration. The Art Show will run from May 26 through July 7, 2026, weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with a public reception on May 28, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., highlighting the role of art in promoting awareness and preservation of the County's cultural and historic resources.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved**, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim May 2026 as National Historic Preservation Month in Ventura County and encourages the people of Ventura County to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Presented on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026

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