



# City of Auburn **PROCLAMATION**

**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**, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, walks of life and ethnic backgrounds; and

individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as people; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme is "*People Saving Places*", to shine the spotlight on everyone doing the work of saving places—in big ways and small because the work that you're doing matters.

**WHEREAS**, in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) into law and formally recognized historic preservation as an important policy of the United States.; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1966, 7 local landmarks and 2 local historic districts have been established in the City of Auburn, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991 the Auburn, New York South Street Area Historic District was listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, in March of 2017 the Harriet Tubman National Park was established; and

**WHEREAS**, following several years of planning and construction the National Park Service will complete the Thompson Memorial African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Restoration & Rehabilitation Project located on Parker Street and the site will open as part of the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park in the summer of 2024; and; and

**WHEREAS**, **Preservation Month** and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "This Place Matters" campaign are celebrated annually to highlight the work the Auburn community is doing to enrich and preserve the places that make our City unique.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, James N. Giannettino, Jr., Mayor of the City of Auburn, New York, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2024 as

## **Preservation Month**

And call upon the people of the City of Auburn to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.



**In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn, NY to be fixed this Second Day of May, 2024.**

**James N. Giannettino, Jr., Mayor**  
City of Auburn, New York