

**NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH  
PROCLAMATION 2024**

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

**WHEREAS**, The National Register of Historic Places formally Blanco Historic District, aka the Square and 46 of its contributing buildings, into its Registry on July 16, 1991.

**WHEREAS**, We realize that the Old Blanco County Courthouse was rededicated in the month of May 1998, a quarter-century ago, by then Governor George W. Bush. After countless hours of fundraising, renovation, and restoration work by members and many of the local residents.

**WHEREAS**, The City of Blanco has long realized the value of good stewardship for its rich historic heritage and the theme for National Historic Preservation Month; and

**WHEREAS**, Blanco is invested with its historic homes and buildings, natural rock fences, the Blanco River, windmills, hand-dug water wells, and the Texas Hill Country, as found around the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Blanco's historic markers are found within the city limits.

**WHEREAS**, it is important to celebrate the City's natural, built environments, and the contributions made by dedicated citizens in preserving these surroundings, which gives the community its unique sense of place and identity; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Blanco supports and joins in this as "The National Historic Preservation Month." Blanco's citizens are called upon to take the following actions:

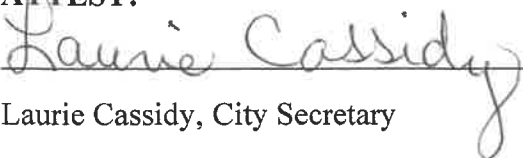
- ❖ **WALK** our Bindseil City Park with its trail with family members and friends. Look out within the city: the windmills, dark night starry nights, wide spaces, rock fences, rock water cisterns in by early settlers-found to be well-suited to our environment, and at the historic homes, downtown historic buildings, and the banks of the Blanco River to experience and learn more about the community they live in.
- ❖ **APPRECIATE** our historic sites, the clean crisp country air, and the people who work to preserve them, so they are here for us all to experience and enjoy.
- ❖ **SHOP** at every single retail store and have dinner with your family members and friends at the City's Square.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Mike Arnold, Mayor of the City of Blanco do proclaim May 2024 as National Historic Preservation Month and call upon the citizens of Blanco to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Proclamation adopted by the City of Blanco on this 9 day of April 2024.

  
Mike Arnold, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Laurie Cassidy, City Secretary

