



# Proclamation

- Whereas:* Virginia Beach has been a place of human occupation for over 15,000 years; and
- Whereas:* The ships of the first permanent English settlers in Virginia first landed in Virginia Beach in 1607; and
- Whereas:* The English Crown granted 5,350 acres to Adam Thoroughgood here in 1635; and
- Whereas:* The Thoroughgood House, a National Historic Landmark, is celebrating its 300th anniversary in 2019; and
- Whereas:* The Cape Henry Lighthouse, a National Historic Landmark, was completed in 1792 as the first public works project of the United States of America government; and
- Whereas:* Virginia Beach has 22 individual historic properties and 5 historic districts listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and
- Whereas:* Virginia Beach has 74 individual historic properties listed in the Virginia Beach Historical Register; and
- Whereas:* Virginia Beach has 16 local Historic and Cultural Districts that have been established to protect and preserve some of the city's most important historic resources; and
- Whereas:* The National Trust for Historic Preservation created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots efforts in historic preservation in America; and
- Whereas:* States and communities across the country now recognize the month of May as Historic Preservation Month; and
- Whereas:* The Princess Anne County/Virginia Beach Historical Society was chartered in 1961 and has actively worked to preserve Virginia Beach's history for the past 58 years; and
- Whereas:* The Virginia Beach City Council established the Historic Preservation Commission in 2008 to advise them on all issues related to the preservation of historic buildings, structures and sites in the city; and
- Whereas:* The Mayor and City Council support the preservation of Virginia Beach's diverse and rich heritage and historic resources;

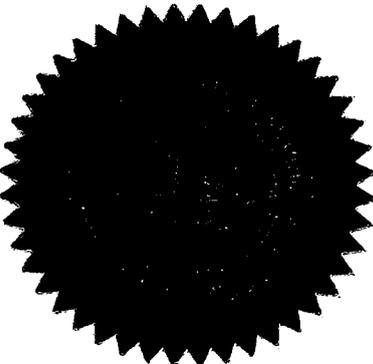
*Now, Therefore, I, Robert M. Dyer, Mayor of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, do hereby recognize*

## *May, 2019*

### *Historic Preservation Month*

*In Virginia Beach, and furthermore call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Virginia Beach to recognize the importance of Historic Preservation in maintaining the historical identity of the city and to commemorate this month with appropriate activities.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia, to be affixed this Seventh day of May, 2019.*



Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer  
Mayor