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ARTHUR BROOKE
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WHEREAS, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, 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, 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 people; and

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of passage of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966; and

WHEREAS, "*This Place Matters!*" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2016 and "*ARKANSAS ARTS: CELEBRATING OUR CREATIVE CULTURE*" is the theme for Arkansas Heritage Month, cosponsored by the City of Ward, the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, the Department of Arkansas Heritage and the National Trust for Historic Preservation

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR ART BROOKE, do proclaim May 2016 as National Preservation Month and Arkansas Heritage Month and call upon the people of the City of Ward to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Mayor Art Brooke
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