*Office of the Mayor*

## Arkansas City, Kansas

# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the National Trust for Historic Preservation created Preservation Week in 1971 to spotlight grassroots preservation efforts in the United States, and it since has grown into an annual celebration observed by small towns and big cities with events ranging from architectural and historic tours and award ceremonies to fundraising events, educational programs, and heritage travel opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Trust in 2005 extended the celebration to an entire month and declared it Preservation Month to provide an even longer opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and states, and to enable more Americans to become involved in the growing preservation movement; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Historic Preservation Act has had a profound impact on Kansas, and historic places listed on the Cowley County, State, and National Registers contribute to the revitalization and recognition of communities through heritage tourism and the preservation of historic places which honor the diverse cultural, agricultural, natural, and built environments of our State; and

**WHEREAS**, **June** is a very important month for the Etzanoa Conservancy, as ongoing archaeological excavation, educational and training activities take place throughout this month as part of the Etzanoa Field School, offered in conjunction with Cowley College and Wichita State University; and

**WHEREAS**, Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month is a celebration of our City's historic heritage.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, does hereby proclaim that **June 2022** shall be commemorated as

### ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

in Arkansas City, Kansas, and urges all residents to recognize the diverse and unique heritage of Arkansas City, Cowley County, and the State of Kansas with appropriate and suitable activities and celebrations.

*In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

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*Name/Title:  Kanyon Gingher, Mayor*
*Date:  May 17, 2022*