

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, Etzanao, "The Great Settlement," is a large historic Native American City of the Wichita people located in present day Arkansas City, Kansas from the mid-15th Century through the mid-18th century; and

WHEREAS, June is a very important month for the Etzanao Conservancy, as ongoing archaeological excavation, educational and training activities take place throughout this month as part of the Etzanao 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 2025** 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.*

*Name/Title: Chad D. Beeson, Mayor
Date: May 20, 2025*