



**TOWN OF BLUFFTON
NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, on October 15, 1966, the National Historic Preservation Act, the most far-reaching preservation legislation ever enacted in the United States, was signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson. This legislation established the National Register of Historic Places and the State Historic Preservation Offices ("SHPOs"); and

WHEREAS, the National Trust for Historic Preservation established May as National Preservation Month, first celebrated as National Preservation Week on May 6-12, 1973 by Presidential Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 1996, the Bluffton Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places and on June 19, 2007, the Town of Bluffton established a larger, local district known as the Old Town Bluffton Historic District that currently recognizes 86 Contributing Resources, and within the District, the Church of the Cross and the Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church, are both individually listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Bluffton community continues to demonstrate its commitment to preservation, the nomination of significant historic resources to National Register of Historic Places; the protection of its resources both built and natural; and the recognition, rehabilitation, and restoration of historic resources; and

WHEREAS, Bluffton is presenting the 8th Annual Historic Preservation Symposium, **Preserving the Legacy of Bluffton's Historic African American Churches**, on May 18th to better involve the Community in local historic preservation efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Sulka, Mayor of the Town of Bluffton along with Town Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2023** as **National Preservation Month** in the Town of Bluffton and call upon our residents to join others across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Bluffton to be affixed this 9th day of May 2023.



Lisa Sulka, Mayor