



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 8

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 11, 2015

**REQUESTED BY:** George Edwards, Executive Director of Historic Wilmington Foundation

**SHORT TITLE:** Proclamation of May as National Preservation Month.

**BACKGROUND:** Historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability. 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. 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 a people. "*Preservation: A Foundation for the Future*" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2015, cosponsored by Historic Wilmington Foundation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Executive Director George Edwards and Board President Kent Stephens will be attending from the Historic Wilmington Foundation to present this item.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To read and approve the attached Proclamation to proclaim May 2015 as "National Preservation Month" and call upon the people of Pender County to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.



**PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAMATION OF MAY AS NATIONAL PRESERVATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, 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 a people; and

**WHEREAS**, *“Preservation: A Foundation for the Future”* is the theme for National Preservation Month 2015, cosponsored by Historic Wilmington Foundation and the National Trust for Historic Preservation

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed May 2015 as “National Preservation Month” and call upon the people of Pender County to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

**ADOPTED THIS THE 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2015.**

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J. David Williams, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Randell Woodruff  
Clerk to the Board