

## **RESOLUTION NO. RS2019-1619**

### **A resolution honoring Historic Nashville, Inc. on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding.**

WHEREAS, Historic Nashville, Inc., a nonprofit membership organization, has marked five decades of advocating for the preservation of Nashville's historic resources, educating the public about the city's history and the importance of place, working with elected officials and Metro departments to develop plans that honor and preserve historic structures, and promoting Nashville's unique history; and

WHEREAS, Historic Nashville, Inc. was established in 1968 with a mission to promote and preserve the historic places that make Nashville unique; and

WHEREAS, Historic Nashville, Inc. highlighted the importance of the Ryman Auditorium and Union Station when they were slated for demolition in the 1970s and played a leadership role in saving these structures which are today treasured landmarks and an important part of Nashville's economy; and

WHEREAS, Historic Nashville, Inc. created the state's first preservation easement program in 1982, introducing a new preservation tool to protect historic resources which today includes 18 historic landmarks with a market value of over \$40 million; and

WHEREAS, Historic Nashville, Inc. was a leader in revitalizing Second Avenue and Lower Broadway, managing The District Program in the early 1990s and supporting the preservation of the area's historic resources which are now the centerpiece of a lively downtown tourist economy; and

WHEREAS, Historic Nashville, Inc. has provided grants for preservation projects including Fort Negley, Music Row, Morton Cabin at the Nashville Zoo, and the Nashville Toll Bridge/Trail of Tears, as well as support for the Metro Historical Commission's Preservation Awards and Old House Fair; and

WHEREAS, Historic Nashville, Inc. introduced its annual list of "Nashville 9" properties most endangered by demolition, neglect, or development and nominated by Nashville residents. Historic Nashville, Inc. has brought attention to a wide variety of the city's endangered landmarks, including historic houses, parks, civic landmarks, commercial buildings, neighborhood schools, churches, and even neon signs. Historic Nashville, Inc. continues to advocate for the preservation of these sites throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Historic Nashville, Inc. shares stories of Nashville's history and important places through its popular behind-the-scenes tours and special tours highlighting women's history, the Civil Rights movements, and other topics; and

WHEREAS, Historic Nashville, Inc. partners with many city agencies, organizations and groups in its preservation advocacy for historic neighborhoods, city parks, Music Row, downtown, and other areas of the city; and

WHEREAS, Historic Nashville, Inc. continues to invite new membership and involvement in the organization's preservation activities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes Historic Nashville, Inc. on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and wishes them continued success in their future endeavors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as honoring Historic Nashville, Inc. on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Freddie O'Connell  
Member of Council