## Historic Boulder Inc. Declaration Commemoration of 50 Years

## **February 2, 2023**

The preservation of historic properties is known across the country to help shape the character of a community.

Recently U.S. News and World report listed Boulder again as one of the best places to live in America. Historic Preservation has been a long-time value that has contributed to the Boulder we know today.

Historic Boulder Inc., an essential nonprofit organization serving our community, is celebrating their  $50^{\mbox{th}}$  anniversary.

Historic Boulder Inc. was established to be the advocate for `heritage' properties that are important lessons in the story of the shaping of Boulder.

Historic Boulder Inc. has worked in partnership with the city, other historic advocacy organizations, and citizens, resulting in the protection of many properties with landmark safeguards. Initially the work was to stop wrecking balls from leveling historic schools, train depots, homes, and theaters. The next step was guiding the adoption of a landmark preservation ordinance for individual properties, now numbering over 200. Following that was the creation of historic districts, now numbering 10 around the city.

This work continues because it's important to preserve examples of important properties from every decade that provide lessons to our present and future community.

Generations of Boulder families and visitors to town have benefited from the preservation education and advocacy of Historic Boulder Inc. The character of the city has been celebrated and Historic Tourism has become an economic benefit to the community.

In recognition of the preservation advocacy services that the members of Historic Boulder Inc. have provided and continue to provide for our community, we, the City Council of the City of Boulder, Colorado declare February 2, 2023 as

Historic Boulder Inc. Preservation Day

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Aaron Brockett, Mayor