

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**  
STATE OF MONTANA

Steve Bullock  
GOVERNOR



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July 26, 2016

Dear Montana Historical Society, Montana Preservationists, and all Montana Citizens:

I am pleased to recognize 2016 as the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Under the National Historic Preservation Act, the federal government created an enduring partnership with state and local governments, and later sovereign tribal nations, to identify and maintain our historic places—safeguarding them from unnecessary harm. Through State Historic Preservation Office programs important national initiatives like the National Register of Historic Places, the Federal Rehabilitation Tax Credit, and the Certified Local Government community preservation program are administered at the state level for the benefit of all Montanans.

I firmly believe that the preservation of our historic places, sites, and landscapes makes sense—culturally, educationally, and economically. The past fifty years have consistently demonstrated the value and importance of historic preservation in Montana, and the next fifty years hold the promise of even greater stewardship of our Montana heritage for future generations of Montanans to enjoy.

As Governor of Montana, I am honored to support the National Historic Preservation Act and would like to thank the Montana Historical Society for their continued efforts recognizing and preserving Montana's significant historic, archaeological and traditional cultural places. Here's to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of National Historic Preservation Act and beyond.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S. Bullock".

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor