Proclamation in Honor of the 50th Anniversary of the National Endowment for the Humanities

WHEREAS in 1965 President Lyndon Johnson signed the legislation to create NEH as an independent federal agency of the US Government, and

WHEREAS for the past 50 years NEH has made ground-breaking grants to support the most important research, preservation, public programs, and education in the humanities, and

WHEREAS NEH has provided grants for the highest-quality humanities projects at a wide range of educational institutions including universities, colleges, learned societies, museums, libraries, archives, public television and radio stations, and

WHEREAS NEH also has provided a vast array of grants to individuals to pursue scholarly research and publications, to organize summer institutes for teachers and professors, and to innovate using both traditional and digital tools, and

WHEREAS NEH has established seven grant-making divisions and offices that support crucial preservation of historic materials, innovative public programs, critical research projects, tools for teaching the humanities, public and scholarly offices that focus on the humanities, and projects that use technology to present the humanities, and

WHEREAS NEH funds a confederation of 56 State Humanities Councils located in every US state and jurisdiction, to give every American the opportunity to learn from the humanities, and

WHEREAS NEH is in the forefront of supporting the four arguments for the value of the humanities identified by the National Humanities Alliance including opportunity for all Americans, innovation and economic competitiveness, productive global engagement, and strong communities, and

WHEREAS the projects that NEH supports benefit tens of millions of Americans and individuals worldwide,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Society of Architectural Historians congratulates the National Endowment for the Humanities for its tireless efforts to support the most important scholarly and public humanistic work in our country today, and for the past 50 years.

Unanimously endorsed by the SAH Board of Directors on April 15, 2015

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