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I am pleased to join in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act.

America's history is rooted in places—from rolling hills to vast plains to coastlines along the sea—that reflect the diversity of our people and the beliefs that have shaped our Nation. Fifty years ago, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the National Historic Preservation Act into law as a tribute to our storied past—giving life to the cultural foundations of our country and enabling our people to gain insights into generations before them. The Act helps Americans serve as stewards of their history and preserve vital places in their communities. In marking this special milestone, we are reminded that though our journey to live up to our highest ideals remains incomplete, we can always look to the lessons of history as we chart our course.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Barack Obama", written in a cursive style.