



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the purpose of archives is to preserve the documents and records of Tennessee history and make them available for public inspection; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments, religious and medical institutions, colleges and universities, libraries, historical societies, museums, businesses, and families throughout Tennessee have established archives as a means of preserving our written history; and

WHEREAS, archivists are dedicated to preserving our documentary heritage created in diverse and unique formats, increasing public awareness of the civic value of archives, maintaining records in the public trust, and improving citizen knowledge of community history; and

WHEREAS, through these archives, future generations of Tennesseans can more accurately study the past, learn from the accomplishments of their predecessors, trace their ancestors, understand their community's pride of place, confirm property rights, and maintain laws, while celebrating the history of our State; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Tennessee Archives Month is "Three Part Harmony: Archives, Genealogy, and You!";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2016, as

Tennessee Archives Month

and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this seventh day of September, 2016.



Bill Haslam

Governor

Joe Regatt

Secretary of State