



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 the State of 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, this year – 2017 – we recognize the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the Society of Tennessee Archivists, the nonprofit organization based in the State that promote archives and archival education in this State and regionally; created to encourage and enhance the educational development and professional standing of those who work or have an interest in Archives, Special Collections, Records management, and allied disciplines; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's Tennessee Archives Month is "Archives in Action: Activism and Advocacy"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October, 2017, 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 twenty-first day of September, 2017.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Jeannette in blue ink.

Secretary of State

