



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**, in this year – 2018 – we recognize the efforts of the Society of Tennessee Archivists, the nonprofit organization based in the State, founded in 1977, 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 "Tennessee Remembers: The Great War in Tennessee Archives" and we recognize the centennial of Tennessee's Son, Sergeant Alvin Cullum York, his actions in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive of October 8, 1918;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2018 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 thirtieth day of August, 2018.

*Bill Haslam*

Governor

*Joe Margitt*

Secretary of State