



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

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

WHEREAS, federal, 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 to preserve our written history; and

WHEREAS, archivists are dedicated to preserving our documentary heritage created in diverse and unique formats, advancing innovative technologies, 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, we recognize the efforts of the Society of Tennessee Archivists, founded in 1977 and 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 inspired by the state of Tennessee's three Grand Divisions, West, Middle and East, for the 2024 annual meeting is "Working Across Divisions: Dismantling Barriers and Sustaining Partnerships;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2024 as

Tennessee Archives Month

in Tennessee 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 seventeenth day of September 2024.

Bill Lee

Governor

Julie Dought

Secretary of State