



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  
"Accidentally on Purpose:  
Acquisition, Care, and Promotion of Unusual or Specialized Collections."

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim October 2014, 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 thirty-first day of July, 2014.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

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Governor

Handwritten signature of Joe Vargo in blue ink.

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Secretary of State

