

STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: Archival institutions collect, preserve, and make available records that document history for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS: The Arkansas History Commission, created by the General Assembly in 1905, is responsible for collecting, housing, and safeguarding some of our oldest documents, records, and source materials related to Arkansas history and government; and

WHEREAS: The Commission continues the tradition of organizing and maintaining the state and local history of Arkansas by collecting manuscript materials, census records, military records, family histories, and various county, state, and federal records; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas additionally has numerous municipal, county, university, and private archives that maintain valuable legal, administrative, fiscal, and historical documents of the everyday lives and activities of our citizens; and

WHEREAS: Through these archives, every generation of Arkansans can study the history and learn from the experiences and accomplishments of our ancestors, while celebrating the unique past of our State; and

WHEREAS: Arkansas Archives Month celebrates the significance of Arkansas's historical records, illuminates the many ways these records enrich our lives, and recognizes those who maintain them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE BEEBE, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim October 2014, as

ARKANSAS ARCHIVES MONTH

across the State of Arkansas, and I encourage my fellow citizens to discover the abundance of documentary treasures contained in our State's archival repositories.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 27th day of August, in the year of our Lord 2014.





MIKE BEEBE, GOVERNOR



MARK MARTIN, SECRETARY OF STATE