



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA ARCHIVES MONTH

WHEREAS: Archives all over the state of Georgia are instrumental in collecting, preserving, organizing, and making available records that document the history of Georgia and the United States for the present and future generations; and

WHEREAS: Archives have a responsibility to provide the public with access to their records, and it is the goal of archives to increase public awareness of the vital role that archives and their records play in safeguarding knowledge of our intellectual, cultural, social, and governmental heritage; and

WHEREAS: Records located in the archive possess legal, administrative, fiscal, and historical value, documenting our citizens' everyday lives, activities, and circumstances, thus bringing a focus to the 2016 theme for Georgia Archives Month, "Archives Big and Small: Showcasing our Gems"; and

WHEREAS: In addition to the Georgia Archives, Georgia has numerous municipal, county, university, and private archives that collect and preserve our state's historical records; and

WHEREAS: During Georgia Archives Month, we celebrate the value of Georgia's historical records, publicizing the many ways historical records enrich our lives and recognize those who maintain historical records; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim OCTOBER 2016 as GEORGIA ARCHIVES MONTH.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF