



# CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

*By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is officially recognized:*

## ARCHIVES MONTH

**WHEREAS**, archives preserve the records of an open democracy and safeguard the rights and freedoms of all citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia's archival treasures, which date from the founding of the colony to the present, record the history and accomplishments of the Commonwealth and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the archived records of the Commonwealth document all aspects of our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Virginia's archives allow everyone to celebrate and study the rich and diverse history of the Old Dominion, its communities and people, and to learn from the efforts and actions of our predecessors; and

**WHEREAS**, archivists and archival institutions are at the forefront of saving the historical record in traditional formats such as paper, maps, photographs, and architectural records as well as contemporary formats such as moving images, sound recordings, and digital records, and they work diligently to preserve and make the Commonwealth's documented history accessible to future generations of Virginians; and

**WHEREAS**, I encourage all Virginians to become members of the Society of American Archivists;

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Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia

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Secretary of the Commonwealth of Virginia



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