

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Bill Walker

WHEREAS, Alaska's archives provide an incredibly vast and detailed record of the rich history of the Last Frontier; and

WHEREAS, this record contains thousands of materials in the form of photographs, letters, diaries, transcripts, videos, electronic files, and many other items that together provide a multifaceted documentation of family genealogies, the development of public policy, and the historical framework that impacts us today and into the future; and

WHEREAS, the archival record, dating from 1847 to the present, paints a vivid picture of Territorial Alaska, our transition to statehood, modern day Alaska, and each step along the way; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's archives provide a valuable resource for present day Alaskans, and for future generations, where the pages of history can be opened and an accurate historical record is preserved with astounding detail; and

WHEREAS, archivists and curators play a vital role in preserving and organizing an accessible historical record that provides useful insights into the history of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized annually on a national level as American Archives Month; in that spirit we celebrate the great resource that is Alaska's archive system and the professionals that work hard to preserve the story of our great state; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Walker, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim October 2015 as:

Archives Month

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to appreciate our well-kept archival system as a valuable resource, and utilize them to explore Alaska's rich history.

Dated: September 30, 2015



Bill Walker

*Bill Walker, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.*