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SUBJECT: Update on National Archives month activities
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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

October is Archives Month in the United States. Across the country, archival programs are hosting special programs and conducting outreach to highlight the role and value of archives and historical documents.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For information.

Background Information

The State Archives was established in Arts and Cultural Affairs Law to acquire, preserve, catalog, display, duplicate and make available for reference and use those official records that have been determined to have sufficient historical value or other value to warrant their continued preservation by the state. These materials play an essential role in documenting the decisions and actions of government, protection of personal and property rights and understanding the history of the State and its people.

Staff will highlight four examples where use of the records held by the State Archives has had a significant local or broad impact or resulted in a significant change in understanding of public policy. Included in the examples are uses by students, a native peoples group and a scholarly researcher. In addition, staff will share information on Archives Month activities at repositories statewide.