

# Proclamation

by

**Andy Beshear**  
**Governor**

of the

**Commonwealth of Kentucky**



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Much of our Commonwealth's rich and diverse heritage is contained in the records created by and for its people, documenting their everyday lives and activities and the actions of their government; and
- WHEREAS, This documentary legacy is a significant resource for all Kentuckians that enhances our understanding of our shared historical experience, helping to form a sense of community and cultural identity and inspire future generations; and
- WHEREAS, The citizens of the Commonwealth rely on the tireless work of archivists, records managers, and others to preserve and safeguard these unique and numerous collections of records and make them accessible; and
- WHEREAS, The theme of this year's Kentucky Archives Month is "Waterways in Kentucky," which recognizes the impact of waterways in shaping our Commonwealth's history as documented and preserved in records holdings and special collections across the Commonwealth in archives, libraries, universities, local museums and historical societies, and more. Water supports Kentuckians' ways of life, whether that be through sustaining tobacco crops, nourishing the thoroughbred horses of Kentucky, producing quality bourbon, carving out the world's longest cave system, transporting the coal mined in the east to the rest of the country, or being where everyone congregates to have fun, swim, fish, boat, and enjoy the exquisite land that we call home; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky Archives Month increases public awareness of the various and valuable collections found within archives. The Friends of Kentucky Public Archives, Inc., and the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives invite Kentuckians to celebrate by visiting local archives and historical repositories, viewing their collections, and reflecting on their past, present, and future impact;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDY BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim October 2024, as

## ARCHIVES MONTH

in Kentucky.



DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Four and in the 233<sup>rd</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

*Andy Beshear*  
ANDY BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

*Michael G. Adams*  
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Secretary of State