

# State of Illinois

## Office of the Secretary of State

### Proclamation

*WHEREAS, the Society of American Archivists (SAA) supports a nationwide annual observance of Archives Month that serves as a unifying effort to promote archives and the work of archivists; and*

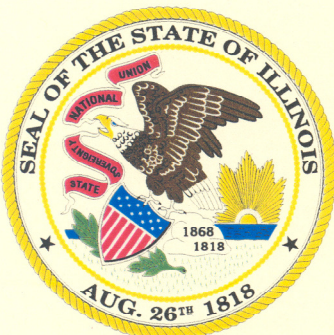
*WHEREAS, the Illinois State Archives is the official repository for state and local government historical records and is mandated to identify, collect, preserve, maintain and make available to its citizens these records that enhance our understanding of Illinois' remarkable history; and*

*WHEREAS, the Illinois State Archives through the Illinois State Archives Advisory Board is charged with the responsibility of promoting the identification, preservation, access to and use of historical records in Illinois; and*

*WHEREAS, the Illinois State Archives and the Illinois State Archives Advisory Board work cooperatively with the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Chicago Area Archivists, units of government, archives, historical societies, libraries and museums throughout Illinois to encourage and recognize all archival efforts for the benefit of posterity; and*

*WHEREAS, the work of these archivists and the importance of these records programs seldom receive the recognition they deserve;*

*THEREFORE, on behalf of the people of Illinois, I, Jesse White, Illinois Secretary of State and State Archivist, do hereby officially recognize October 2008 as Illinois Archives Month throughout the State of Illinois and urge all citizens to recognize this observance and to become more familiar with the archival institutions in their communities and throughout our state.*



*Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008*

*Jesse White*

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