



TO: Cultural Education Committee

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SUBJECT: Archives Month Activities

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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

Archives around the United States recognize October as Archives Month.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For Information. Arts and Cultural Affairs Law section 57.05 establishes the State Archives; Arts and Cultural Affairs Law 57.05-A establishes a statewide program for management and preservation of local government records; Education Law section 140 establishes a statewide program for programs to support preservation and access to non-government historical records. The Education Department, through the State Archives has statewide charge to support and advance the preservation of and access to archival materials. Archives Month is an annual celebration of this charge and the repositories that hold our state's documentary heritage in trust for present and future generations.

Background Information

Each October, repositories statewide offer special programs to increase awareness of, use of and support for the preservation of documentary resources. New York benefits from a wide range of repositories that hold significant resources. Staff will provide the committee with a listing of activities, programs and other resources offered by repositories across the state to recognize American Archives Month.