BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

PROCLAMATION

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2019, AS "ARCHIVES MONTH" IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.

WHEREAS, much of our county's rich and diverse heritage is contained in the documents and records created by and for its people; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments, religious and medical institutions, colleges and universities, libraries, historical societies, museums, businesses, and families throughout Baldwin County have established archives as a means of preserving our written history; and

WHEREAS, these archives collectively contain over 210 years of unique materials, ranging from hand-written letters and diaries to typewritten manuscripts, photographs, videotapes, and modern electronic data systems; and

WHEREAS, archivists in Alabama are dedicated to responsibly preserving the historical word, maintaining records in the public trust, and making those records available for study and appreciation whether in a local repository or via the internet; and

WHEREAS, through these archives, future generations of Baldwin County can more accurately study the past, learn from the accomplishments of their predecessors, trace their ancestors, understand their community's pride of place, confirm property rights, and maintain laws, while celebrating the history of our county.

WHEREAS, October remains an important time to celebrate archives and the work of archivists; and

WHEREAS, October has been declared National Archives Month in the United States by the Society of American Archivists and the International Council on Archives and it is fitting that Baldwin County join in this observation; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, that the Baldwin County Commission hereby proclaims October 2019 as "Archives Month," in Baldwin County, Alabama, and encourages the public to visit the Baldwin County Archives facility and other archives and museums throughout the area.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our Hands and caused the Seal of the County of Baldwin To be affixed at the County Seat in Bay Minette, Alabama, on this 1st day of October 2019.

Commissioner, Charles F. Gruber, Chairman

ATTEST:

Wayne A. Dyess, County Administrator