

## BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2020, 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 211 years of unique materials, ranging from hand-written letters and diaries to typewritten manuscripts, photographs, videotapes, and modern electronic data systems; 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 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 2020 as "Archives Month," in Baldwin County, Alabama, and encourages the public to visit the Baldwin Count 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

| Billie Jo Underwood, Chairman  | Commissioner Joe Davis     |
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| Commissioner Charles F. Gruber | Commissioner James E. Ball |