

August 23, 2017

Honorable Senator Ben Allen
State Capitol, Room 2054
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Concurrent Resolution 75

Dear Senator Allen:

I am writing on behalf of the Society of California Archivists (SCA) to ask you to support Senate Concurrent Resolution 75 (SCR 75) designating October as California Archives Month. Archives Month is a collaborative effort by professional organizations and repositories across America to highlight the nation's records of enduring value.

Archival records are essential to supporting society's increased demand for accountability and transparency in government, public and private institutions today, just as they were back in 1850 when our founders designated the first Statute "an Act Concerning the Public Archives" to ensure the safety of the historical records about California's founding were preserved forever.

American Archives Month is a time to focus on the importance of archival records and to enhance public recognition for the people and programs that are responsible for maintaining our communities' historical records.

The Society of California Archivists, a non-profit statewide professional organization with a membership of more than 500 archivists and records managers, recognizes the need for SCR 75, declaring October California Archives Month and celebrating everything archives do to ensure the safety and accessibility of the records in their care.

We urge your support for SCR 75 to declare October as California Archives Month. It will mean a great deal to the archivists in California and will help follow the steps of our founders in realizing the importance records have to our communities.

Sincerely,



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