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As Secretary of State and State Archivist, I am pleased to present this poster commemorating the celebration of the annual Illinois Archives Month in October. The Office of the Secretary of State, the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board, the Illinois State Archives and the Chicago Area Archivists are again uniting to promote this event in conjunction with the Society of American Archivists’ American Archives Month. This year’s poster celebrates 200 years of Illinois history and progress. Illinois was admitted into the Union on Dec. 3, 1818, and with this poster, we honor our state’s past, while looking forward to a bright future.

Illinois historical documents are an important link to our history and provide a wealth of knowledge for genealogists, researchers, government employees and the general public. Preserving and maintaining these resources for future generations is a key mission of archival organizations across the state.

Archives, museums, historical societies, libraries and other groups are invited to participate in Illinois Archives Month by hosting local events, exhibits and activities that highlight the management and preservation of our documentary heritage. For information on ideas to best showcase your agency’s collections and activities, please visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com (click Departments; then Illinois State Archives then Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board).

I invite you to join us in celebrating and recognizing the many ways that Illinois historical records have enriched our lives and told our story for more than 200 years.

Sincerely,

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