Salem County New Jersey

Board of Chosen Freeholders

Proclamation In Observance of October 2009 as Archives Month

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

WHEREAS, our county and municipal governments, educational institutions, libraries, historical societies, museums, businesses, religious institutions, and families throughout Salem County have established archives as a means of preserving our written history; and

WHEREAS, these archives collectively contain over 350 years of unique materials, ranging from hand-written letters and diaries to typewritten manuscripts, photographs, videotapes, and modern electronic data systems; and

WHEREAS, professional and volunteer archival curators in Salem County are responsibly preserving the historical word, maintaining records in the public trust, and making those records available for study and appreciation whether via a local repository or Internet; and

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

Now therefore I, Freeholder Director Lee Ware declare October 2009, as Archives Month throughout Salem County and encourage all residents to discover the rich treasures contained in the local archival repositories across the County.

LEE R. WARE, Director
Board of Chosen Freeholders

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WITNESSETH this Seventh day of October, Two Thousand Nine

EARL R. GAGE
Clerk of the Board

Salem County
DISCOVER THE POSSIBILITIES