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“Why the History and the Archives are Important to All Generations” to be presented by Secretary of State Tre Hargett for ETHS Annual Meeting

(Knoxville, Tenn.) “Why the History and the Archives Are Important to All Generations” will be the topic of Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett’s address at the annual dinner of the East Tennessee Historical Society on Tuesday, May 2, at the Foundry on World’s Fair Park. Both members and the general public are invited to attend. The event begins with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by the dinner, lecture, and awards presentations which begin at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary of State Tre Hargett, the chief executive officer of the Tennessee Department of State, which includes the Library and Archives, will address how the Tennessee State Library and Archives (TSLA) houses the collective memory of Tennesseans. In its vast collections are millions of precious documents, including photographs and maps and the state’s constitutions. The Library and Archives preserves these and other irreplaceable state records, as well as family treasures, and provides training, support, and financial assistance to public libraries and county archives throughout Tennessee.



A native of Ripley, Tennessee, Secretary Hargett now lives in Hendersonville with his wife and two sons. He is a strong proponent for Tennessee History Day, a state affiliate of the National History Day competition, for which ETHS is the East Tennessee District coordinator.

The occasion will also feature the presentation of Awards of Excellence to organizations and individuals for special projects to preserve and promote the region’s history. These include the Teaching Excellence Award, History in the Media, Community History Award, Award of Distinction, and the Ramsey Award for Lifetime Achievement. Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is widely acknowledged to be one of the most active history organizations in the state and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming and education.

The event will be held at the Foundry on World’s Fair Park, 747 World’s Fair Park Drive, Knoxville, and is open to the public. Tickets are \$40 per person and include both the lecture and

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dinner. Reservations are requested by April 27. To make reservations or for additional information call 865-215-8883 or visit our website at www.eastTNhistory.org.

About the East Tennessee Historical Society

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage--recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share. The historical society pursues its education mission through publications, lectures, conferences, school programs, museum exhibits, and heritage programs such as the popular First Families of Tennessee and Civil War Families of Tennessee. The East Tennessee History Center houses the staff and programs of the East Tennessee Historical Society, the Museum of East Tennessee History, the Calvin M. McClung Historical Collection, and the Knox County Archives.

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