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PROCLAMATION

The Stewart Bell Jr. Archives in the Handley Library is celebrating their 40th anniversary

WHEREAS, the Stewart Bell Jr. Archives manages a unique collection of materials on the people, places and events of the Lower Shenandoah Valley from 1732 to the present with a special focus in Winchester and Frederick County;

WHEREAS, the archives is committed to the preservation of history, holding 4000 published books: abstracts of county court records, county histories, genealogies, regimental histories, and studies of battles from the French and Indian War to the Civil War;

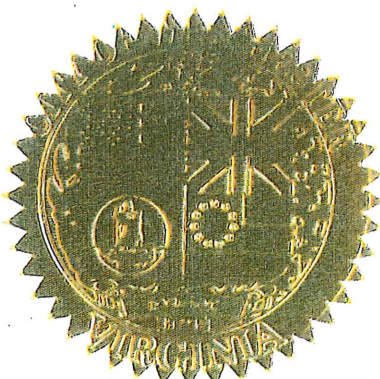
WHEREAS, over 600 linear feet of manuscripts and ephemera, maps, photographs, and oral history tapes exist with additional manuscript collections and published books available online through the Handley Regional Library System's online catalog;

WHEREAS, the archivists, staff, and volunteers are dedicated to helping foster an ongoing interest in local history and genealogy by offering educational programs and insights to the community;

WHEREAS, the archives plays a critical role in preservation and showcase of history through unique exhibits and careful stewardship of materials;

WHEREAS, through these archives, future generations of residents and patrons can discover and reconnect with the past, learn from historical leaders and milestones, and celebrate the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, John David Smith, Jr., Mayor of the City of Winchester proclaim and acknowledge the 40th anniversary of the Stewart Bell Jr. Archives in June 2019. I encourage all residents to discover and explore our local history by visiting the Stewart Bell Jr. Archives part of the Handley Regional Library System and the Winchester-Frederick County Historical Society



Witness my hand,

Mayor John David Smith, Jr.

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