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November 14th Declared "Save Texas History Day"

Texas General Land Office to hold sixth annual Save Texas History Symposium
Saturday, Nov. 14th

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AUSTIN — In honor of the Texas General Land Office's Save Texas History program's efforts to conserve and provide public access to historical archives and records, Steve Adler, Mayor of the City of Austin, declared Nov. 14th Save Texas History Day.

"The Save Texas History program is doing great things to make sure our history is preserved and accessible for future generations," said Mayor Steve Adler. "Not only does the program maintain maps and other documents, but they have also digitized millions of historic records and maps and made them available for Texans to study both in the classroom and online."

Created in 2004, the Save Texas History program is a statewide initiative to rally public support and private funding for the preservation and promotion of the historic maps and documents housed at the General Land Office. With the twin goals of preservation and education, the Save Texas History program seeks to conserve the documents for future generations while educating Texans about the rich history found in these vital records.

On Saturday, Nov. 14, the Texas General Land Office Save Texas History program will host the sixth annual symposium to highlight the archives at the General Land Office. These archives house more than 450 years of unique documents, ranging from hand-written letters and testimonies from settlers to tens-of-thousand of unique maps illustrating Texas' history; some of which can currently be seen at the Bullock State History Museum. The theme of this year's symposium is the history of Austin in the 19th century and will include a program entitled, "In the Shadow of the Dome: Austin by Day & Night," which will allow those in attendance to examine several aspects of Austin's history.

"As Texans, we recognize our values are deeply rooted in our storied history," said Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush. "Our rich heritage includes the wildcatters who dug deep in to the desolate sands of West Texas and the heroes of the Alamo who refused to surrender. That shared heritage educates the choices we make as Texans today. The Save Texas History program is a key part of ensuring future generations can stay connected to our history and values. On behalf of all GLO team members, we are honored that Nov. 14th will be commemorated as Save Texas History Day."

Tickets are still available for the Save Texas History Symposium and can be found on the Save Texas History page of the General Land Office website. For more information about Save Texas History visit www.savetexashistory.org or email archives@glb.texas.gov.

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