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Commissioner Bush Announces 2nd Annual Save Texas History Program Fundraising Campaign

Campaign raises awareness and funds for historic document preservation

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AUSTIN — AUSTIN - Commissioner George P. Bush today announced the beginning of the 2nd annual Save Texas History program fundraising campaign to help raise awareness and funds for historic document preservation. Throughout the month of May, individuals who donate $30 or more will receive a Save Texas History kit, including a limited-edition t-shirt bearing the phrase, "I saved Texas history."

"Our history is at risk of being lost forever," said Commissioner Bush. "That history shows us not only how we got here, but also gives us the knowledge to understand what here means. If we don't preserve Texas' precious historic documents-documents that show men and women rising to extraordinary heights-our past is essentially erased. Texans deserve better than that."

Established in 1837, the Texas General Land Office is home to more than 35.5 million documents and 45,000 maps dating back to the year 1561. These documents trace the history of Texas' public lands. No general revenue from the Legislature is appropriated for conservation of these historic records. The conservation and promotion of these Texas treasures depends solely on private donations, map purchases and corporate sponsorship.

"Please help ensure Texas history stands the test of time," said Commissioner Bush. "A $30 contribution can make a world of difference to a document in need of preservation."

Donations to the Save Texas History program are tax-deductible and can be made at SaveTexasHistory.org.

About the Save Texas History Program
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 in the GLO Archives. With the twin goals of preservation and education, the Save Texas History program seeks to conserve these documents for future generations, and educate Texans about the rich heritage found in these important records. To learn more about the Save Texas History program, visit

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