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### **BRIAN KEOUGH APPOINTED AS STATE ARCHIVIST AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE NEW YORK STATE ARCHIVES**

The New York State Cultural Education Center and State Archives announced today that the New York State Board of Regents and Commissioner of Education Betty A. Rosa appointed Brian Keough as the State Archivist and Assistant Commissioner for the New York State Archives. Mr. Keough will lead the State Archive operations in the stewardship of a comprehensive collection of records and conduct related programs and services to state agencies, local governments, non-government historical records repositories, community organizations, and individuals. He will assume his new role on August 1, 2024.

The New York State Archives preserves and makes accessible over 270 million records of New York's State and colonial governments dating from 1630 to the present. Its digital collections provide free access to photographs, artifacts, documents, manuscripts, and other materials that tell the story of New York's history. Mr. Keough will oversee approximately 50 professional, technical, and support staff, an operations budget of approximately \$9.1 million, and grant programs of approximately \$7 million annually, primarily to local governments.

With over two decades of professional experience, Mr. Keough has excelled as a leader within the archival field. Since 2001, he has served as the leader of the M.E. Grenander Special Collections, Archives, & Preservation at the University at Albany. In this capacity, he successfully managed one of the largest archives in Upstate New York, overseeing active collecting areas such as the New York Modern Political Archive and the National Death Penalty Archive, an essential resource for researchers nationwide in collaboration with the University at Albany's School of Criminal Justice. He has also maintained the University at Albany Archives and curated more than 200,000 volumes of rare and specialized books dating from 1507 to 1950.

Mr. Keough's expertise extends to working with state agencies, local governments, politicians, public policy associations, writers, and donors to acquire new collections. His responsibilities have also included managing more than \$4 million in private endowments, fundraising with prominent alumni and faculty, pursuing grant opportunities, developing collection-related programming, and overseeing a team of full-time faculty and student staff.

Mr. Keough holds a Master of Arts degree in History and a Master of Information Science degree with a concentration in Archival Administration. He is currently completing his PhD dissertation in American History, focusing on New York in the 20th Century.