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### **Governor Brown's May Revision Provides Funding for Digital Preservation**

**Sacramento, Calif.** – Governor Brown's May Revision includes a major investment in the digital preservation of California's cultural heritage and historically significant documents by both the State Library and State Archives.

The revised budget provides an increase of \$663,000 to purchase emergency supplies, restore damaged books, and procure a vault to further protect the library's collection. The proposal also provided an increase of \$430,000 annually to support the California Newspaper Project at UC Riverside and \$195,000 annually to preserve information on state websites four times each year and records collected by the State Archivist. The California Newspaper Project has digitized over 19 million articles from California newspapers covering the period from August 1846 through the present.

"As Secretary of State, I've made digitizing the treasures of the State Archives a priority," Secretary of State Alex Padilla said. "In the past few years, we've launched nearly a dozen digital exhibits on the Google Arts and Culture platform and uploaded thousands of photos and trademarks from the first century of California statehood, and we are just scratching the surface of the State Archives' vast collection. I thank Governor Brown for including funding in the May Revision of his state budget proposal for digital preservation of our state's records. Digital preservation is critical to ensuring the longevity of our state records and ensuring easy public access to California's rich history."

"The additional funding proposed by Governor Brown will help the State Library and our partners preserve our existing collections and keep them accessible for future generations," said Greg Lucas, California's state librarian. "This investment will make digitized historic collections available, as well as continuing to build the collection by assembling contemporary documents and websites."

**About the State Archives:** California's first legislature, meeting in 1849–50, charged the Secretary of State to receive "...all public records, registered maps, books, papers, rolls, documents and other writings . . . which appertain to or are in any way connected with the political history and past administration of the government of California." The Public Records Act (Chapter 1, Statutes of 1850) was the first law signed by California's first governor on January 5, 1850. The

California State Archives, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, continues to serve in the spirit of those early instructions, providing a repository for the state's permanent governmental records as well as other materials documenting California history.

**About the State Library:** Founded in 1850, the California State Library has an extensive collection of documents from and about the state's rich history, ranging from books, maps, miners' diaries, newspapers, and periodicals to photographs, paintings and posters. The State Library also holds federal and state publications, and is home to the Bernard E. Witkin State Law Library, and the Braille and Talking Book Library. [www.library.ca.gov](http://www.library.ca.gov)

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