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WE THE PEOPLE: ALABAMA'S DEFINING DOCUMENTS, AN EXHIBITION OF ALABAMA'S SIX CONSTITUTIONS,
OPENING AT THE MUSEUM OF ALABAMA NOVEMBER 3, 2019;
MEDIA PREVIEW FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, AT 10:00 AM

Montgomery, AL (10/30/19) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will open a special bicentennial exhibition, *We the People: Alabama's Defining Documents*, at the Museum of Alabama, located inside the ADAH in Montgomery, on **Sunday, November 3, 2019**. The exhibition features all six of Alabama's constitutions as well as the 1861 ordinance of secession, which declared Alabama's separation from the Union on the eve of the Civil War. It will be **on view through December 31, 2019**.

The media is invited to preview the exhibition on Friday, November 1, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am. ADAH staff will be available for interviews during this time. For additional information, contact Georgia Ann Hudson at (334) 328-9088.

The public is invited to a **ribbon cutting ceremony** on Sunday, November 3, at 1:00 pm. At 2:00 pm, Julian Butler, Chairman, Huntsville-Madison County Bicentennial Committee, will present *The 1901 Alabama Constitution: Questions of Race, Gender, and Economic Status*. He will be followed by Kathryn Boodle, Associate Conservator, Northeast Document Conservation Center, who will discuss the painstaking process of conserving Alabama's constitutions. **Admission is free.**

During the exhibition, the Museum of Alabama will offer **extended hours** on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from November 5 through December 12, excluding Thanksgiving week. ADAH staff will offer gallery talks on these evenings beginning at 6:00 pm. The ADAH's Museum Store will also be open.

For a complete schedule of gallery talks and more information about the exhibition, visit www.wethepeoplealabama.org or call (334) 353-3312.

The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the state's government-records repository, a special-collections library and research facility, and home to the Museum of Alabama, the state history museum. It is located in downtown Montgomery, directly across the street from the State Capitol. The Archives and Museum are open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 to 4:30. The EBSCO Research Room is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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