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**ARCHIVES ANNOUNCES PUBLICATION OF EXHIBITION CATALOG FOR
*WE THE PEOPLE: ALABAMA'S DEFINING DOCUMENTS***

Montgomery, AL (07/24/19) – The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) has published a 128-page catalog to accompany its special bicentennial exhibition *We the People: Alabama's Defining Documents*. The exhibition, featuring all six of Alabama's state constitutions and 1861 ordinance of secession, is on view at the Huntsville Museum of Art through August 11, 2019. It will be on display at the ADAH's Museum of Alabama November 3 through December 31, 2019.

The *We the People* catalog chronicles the history of the state's six defining documents and the framers who crafted them. It is the first illustrated history of Alabama's governing documents.

"These documents can fairly be considered the foundation stones of Alabama's state history," said ADAH Director Steve Murray. "Each reflects the political, economic, and social concerns of the era in which it was written, and collectively they form the base on which Alabama politics and governance evolved. As examined in the exhibition and further in the catalog, their history illuminates the origins of issues that remain with us in the twenty-first century."

The catalog was developed entirely in-house by Archives staff. It was written by Scotty E. Kirkland, exhibits, publications, and programs coordinator, and designed by Georgia Ann Conner Hudson, communications coordinator. It contains a foreword by ADAH Director Steve Murray. Copies of the catalog can be purchased for \$14.95 (plus tax) online at www.shopalabama200.com or at the ADAH's Museum Store.

For additional information, please 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 Friday and the second Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 4:30. To learn more, visit www.archives.alabama.gov or call (334) 242-4364.

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