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**DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY DEBUTS NEW EXHIBITS IN ALABAMA STATE HOUSE**

Montgomery, AL (2/19/20) – In partnership with the Alabama Senate, the Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) debuted several new exhibits in the Alabama State House at the start of the 2020 legislative session. They are located on the eighth floor of the State House and are open to the public.

*Women in Alabama Politics* is a new exhibit developed for display outside the Senate Gallery. This multi-paneled poster exhibit chronicles the story of women's suffrage in Alabama and profiles Alabama women who were trailblazers in state and national politics. It also highlights women who paved the way in the state's legal field.

Two other poster exhibits are on display outside Senate committee room 825. *A Paper for the People: The Jim Pepler Southern Courier Photograph Collection* contains dozens of photographs taken by Jim Pepler while working as the staff photographer for the *Southern Courier* newspaper in the mid-1960s. The photographs document daily life in Montgomery's neighborhoods, local musical performances, and civil rights events. *Sweet Communion: The Johnathon Kelso Alabama Sacred Harp Collection* is a series of stunning, color photographs taken over the last decade at sacred harp singing events in Alabama. They provide a beautiful glimpse into the world of this unique musical style and the community of people that continue the tradition of shape note singing. Both exhibits were previously on display at the ADAH.

The exhibits will be on view through 2020. The Alabama State House is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. For additional information, please call (334) 353-3312 or email [georgiaann.hudson@archives.alabama.gov](mailto:georgiaann.hudson@archives.alabama.gov).

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](http://www.archives.alabama.gov) or call (334) 242-4364.

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