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Sec'y of State Jim Condos Announces Retirement of State Archivist Gregory Sanford

Montpelier – Secretary of State Jim Condos announces the upcoming retirement of State Archivist Gregory Sanford and the promotion of Tanya Marshall as state archivist beginning August 1st.

Secretary Condos noted that “Gregory has served Vermonters well since he was first hired in 1982 as the editor of state papers. As editor, Gregory was charged with annotating and publishing historical government documents. From that point he helped create the current Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA).”

Gregory’s career is marked by a wide range of accomplishments, from his work back in the 1980s with Jim Cosaro to have valuable Vermont records, including papers of Ira and Ethan Allen, returned to Vermont from New York, to his work in promoting access to public records. He has been a vocal advocate for the effective management of digital records, which is one of the reasons VSARA was created.

Condos noted that Sanford’s career had been marked by service in regional and national professional organizations with awards such as:

- Center for Research on Vermont’s Lifetime Achievement Award;
- Vermont Press Association’s Matthew Lyon Award for advocacy of the first amendment;
- New England Archivists’ Distinguished Service Award;
- On behalf of VSARA, the Society of American Archivists’ Hamer-Kegan Award for enhancing public awareness of archival records.

“But, as Gregory will tell you,” Secretary Condos added, “his greatest reward is helping Vermonters exercise their sense of wonder.”

A large part of VSARA’s recent success has been Gregory’s partnership with Tanya Marshall who has served as his deputy and as head of the records analysts unit. Marshall has been employed by the State

of Vermont since 2003 and holds a graduate degree from University of Maryland, College Park with a concentration in archives, records, and information management.

While Secretary Condos noted he considered open recruitment for state archivist, “it quickly became clear that we had a star right here; one who has a growing national reputation within the records and information management communities.”

Marshall was recently nominated by her colleagues in other states to serve on the boards of the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA) and the Council of State Archivists (CoSA).

Marshall has been the major force in creating a modern records management program for Vermont government and for helping agencies more effectively manage their record and improve both business processes and accountability. In addition serving on several records management working groups across state, she was recently reappointed by the Vermont Supreme Court to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Public Access to Court Records.

“Tanya has worked with all three branches of government,” Condos reported, “and we consistently hear how impressed people are by her energy and intellect. She is exactly the right person to move VSARA to its next level of success.”

Jim Condos is Vermont’s Secretary of State.