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TO: The Honorable Terence R. McAuliffe

Governor of Virginia

The Honorable Charles J. Colgan Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable Walter A. Stosch Co-Chair, Senate Finance Committee

The Honorable S. Chris Jones

Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

The Honorable Frank M. Ruff, Jr.

Chairman, Senate General Laws and Technology Committee

The Honorable C. Todd Gilbert

Chairman, House General Laws Committee

FROM: Sandra G. Treadway

Librarian of Virginia

RE: Annual Report on Compliance with the State Publications Depository Act

Dear Gentlemen:

Per the instructions in §42.1-97 of the Code of Virginia, requiring the Librarian of Virginia to report annually to the Governor and the chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on General Laws and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees of the General Assembly, indicating which, if any, state agencies did not furnish or otherwise make available copies of their publications or other information required under this chapter, I wish to advise you on compliance with the Act through 31 October, 2015.

The role of the State Publications Depository Program, described in §42.1-92 of the Code of Virginia includes the following:

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"... the General Assembly recognizes that an informed citizenry is indispensable to the proper functioning of a democratic society. In order to remain informed, citizens must know about the activities of their government and benefit from information developed at public expense. Through the administration of the State Publications Depository Program, citizens will be ensured continued access to state publications, regardless of geographical location in the Commonwealth."

To that end, the Library of Virginia contacts, at least annually, every state agency, commission, and board to inquire about their publications during that year, and to ensure that the Library of Virginia has received copies of their digital publications for preservation and access at the Library or paper copies for distribution to designated state publications depository libraries around the state. The Library also requests a list of publications currently available to the public.

State agencies have deposited 1,811 digital state publications in the Library's publicly accessible repository this year. This represents a 49 per cent increase over 2014. A few agencies did not respond to our request for their publications. The following agencies did not provide any information to us this year:

Department of Fire Programs
Department of Historic Resources
Department of Veterans Services
Frontier Culture Museum of Virginia
Gunston Hall Plantation
Virginia Commission for the Arts
Virginia Outdoors Foundation

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a report of progress to date.