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Todd Groce is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Georgia Historical Society, the independent, statewide institution responsible for collecting and teaching Georgia history. Headquartered in Savannah with an office in Atlanta, the Georgia Historical Society was founded in 1839 and is the oldest continuously operated historical organization in the South.

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An avid outdoorsman, musician, and collector of military antiques, Dr. Groce enjoys hunting and backpacking. He has hiked every major Civil War battlefield and toured many other battlefields across North America, the Caribbean, and Europe.