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### **SECRETARY GALVIN ANNOUNCES MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH 2007**

**Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin** announced today that **October is Massachusetts Archaeology Month 2007**. Organized by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) and the State Archaeologist, this is the 17th annual celebration of archaeology in Massachusetts. Archaeology Month features more than 70 events across the Commonwealth that promote awareness of the Commonwealth's rich archaeological past through fun and engaging programs. This year's theme is "Don't Let the Past Slip Away."

"I urge everyone to take part in these events to gain a deeper knowledge of Massachusetts and its archaeological past," said Secretary Galvin, Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Archaeology Month offers a variety of programs for adults, children, parents, and teachers. Programs highlight local history as well as archaeology around the world. Events include lectures, tours, storytelling, exhibits, walks, canoe tours, and demonstrations; and will be held in the following communities: Acton, Amherst, Andover, Boston, Bridgewater, Cambridge, Concord, Danvers, Deerfield, Eastham, Littleton, Middleborough, Norwell, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Rehoboth, Saugus, Shrewsbury, Somerset, South Hadley, Springfield, Westwood, Whitman, Wilmington, and Worcester. Highlights include: an Open House at the Robbins Museum of Archaeology, a walking tour of Nauset Beach, a number of exciting programs at the Boston Museum of Science, and a "prehistoric art" program at the Children's Discovery Museum in Acton.

**The Calendar of Events and Poster for Massachusetts Archaeology Month are available for immediate download at MHC's website ([www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc)).** Printed posters and calendars are also available, call the MHC 617-727-8470 to receive a mailed copy. In addition to the event listings, the calendar includes information about Massachusetts museums with archaeology programs and archaeological websites. Special resources for teachers including archaeology related lesson plans are available at MHC's website. The poster features slip-decorated ceramics from the archaeological collections of the Commonwealth, which are curated at the MHC's Archaeological Curation Center.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the State Archaeologist. It was established in 1963 to identify, evaluate, and protect important historical and archaeological assets of the Commonwealth

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