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**GOLDBERG BUILDING, WORCESTER, APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO THE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Goldberg Building in Worcester for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its September 12, 2007 meeting. The nomination will be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service in Washington, DC, for final consideration and designation. "The Massachusetts Historical Commission is dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth's rich archaeological, architectural, cultural, and historic resources," Secretary Galvin said. "Inclusion of this property on the National Register will help to protect our heritage for generations to come."

The Goldberg Building on Water St. in Worcester is an example of Classical Revival architecture. The first floor retail stores and the upper level manufacturing operations opened for business in 1910. Built of yellow and red brick in a running bond pattern with a mortared fieldstone foundation, the Goldberg Building was once part of a thriving immigrant community. The architect and contractor are unknown but the original owners were Samuel and Jennie Goldberg. They lived in a two and a half story building at the back of the lot while this building was being constructed at the front. One long-term occupant, beginning in 1914, was Arkus Drugs, the first in a chain of drugstores owned by Nathan Arkus. Another early occupant was the Whitman Creamery, which eventually expanded into the building on the right and had other locations throughout Worcester. In the 1920s the Krintzman family bought the building and operated a wool waste business on the top three floors. The present owners are rehabilitating the building for office space on the upper floors and a restaurant on the first floor.

The Goldberg Building is one of 10 resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at this meeting.

Secretary Galvin serves as Chairman of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times a year.

The National Register is the nation's official listing of significant cultural resources. In Massachusetts, there are over 65,000 properties listed in the National Register. The Massachusetts Historical Commission has been administering the National Register of Historic Places program in Massachusetts since 1966.

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. Visit our website to learn more about the Commission's programs (www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc).

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