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**HADLEY FURNITURE COMPANY BUILDING, WORCESTER, APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO  
THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin is pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Hadley Furniture Company Building in Worcester for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its December 8, 2010, 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 architectural, cultural, archaeological, and historic resources,” Secretary Galvin said. “Inclusion of the Hadley Furniture Company Building in the National Register will help to protect this example of Worcester’s commercial retail history.”

The Hadley Furniture Company Building, 651-659 Main Street, is a five-story brick structure, designed by architects Cutting, Carleton, and Cutting in the Commercial style. The Hadley Furniture Company was a prominent nationwide retail furniture business, initially located nearby at 615 Main Street. The company commissioned the construction of a new facility in 1923, and on March 20, 1924, the present building opened for business, reportedly one of the largest furniture stores in New England at the time, as well as the largest retail enterprise at the southern end of Main Street. The building was bought in 1964 by the David Burwick Furniture Company, which closed in 1995. The building remained vacant until 2005, when the Economic Development Finance Corporation (EDFC) purchased it. Rehabilitated by the EDFC during 2008, the building currently provides 5,000 square feet of first-floor retail space, as well as forty-four apartment units on the upper floors.

The Hadley Furniture Company Building is one of 7 historic 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 historic resources. In Massachusetts, there are over 70,000 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](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc)).

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