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**SECRETARY GALVIN ANNOUNCES OCTOBER AS MASSACHUSETTS
ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin announced today that October is Massachusetts Archaeology Month. Organized by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the State Archaeologist, this is the 26th annual celebration of archaeology in Massachusetts. Archaeology Month features more than 60 events across the Commonwealth promoting awareness of the Commonwealth's rich archaeological past through fun and engaging programs.

"Massachusetts Archaeology Month offers something for everyone who has a curiosity about the past. 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, exhibits, mock excavations, walking tours, chances to see behind-the-scenes in laboratories, and demonstrations. Archaeology Month celebrations will be held in 41 communities across the Commonwealth, where highlights include: ancient Egyptian mummies, "forgotten" Massachusetts towns, and numerous talks about recent archaeological excavations in Concord.

The calendar of events is available on [Secretary Galvin's website](#). Also available is information on Massachusetts museums with archaeological programs and special resources for teachers, such as archaeology-related lesson plans.

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Printed posters and calendars may be ordered by telephone. The poster features an image of chipped stone tools recovered from an archaeological site on the South Shore. Those interested may contact the MHC at 617-727-8470.

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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