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**OSGOOD BRADLEY BUILDING IN 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 Osgood Bradley Building in Worcester for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its December 13, 2017 meeting. The nomination will now 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 historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources,” Secretary Galvin said. “Inclusion of the Osgood Bradley Building in the National Register will help to raise awareness of this remarkable historic commercial building in downtown Worcester. Its conversion to apartments thanks to historic rehabilitation tax credits gives it a new life and brings more people into the downtown.” The Osgood Bradley Building is one of four 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 Osgood Bradley Building, located at 18 Grafton Street in Worcester, is an early 20th-century mixed-use commercial and industrial building that has been rehabilitated for use as apartments thanks to the state and federal rehabilitation tax credit. Built during the industrial heyday of Worcester, the Osgood Bradley Building housed tenants producing a variety of products, such as bicycles, optical lenses, shoes, textiles and textile machinery, and wire goods. It was also home to commercial enterprises, including a bowling alley, a restaurant, a barber shop, and a music store. The Osgood Bradley Building is relatively unadorned and utilitarian, but it does feature elements of the Classical Revival style popular at the time, most notably decorative terra-cotta tiles on the first two stories.

The National Register is the nation’s official listing of significant historic resources. In Massachusetts, there are more than 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).

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