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SECRETARY GALVIN ANNOUNCES HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin, chair of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, announced today that he is pleased to join state and local organizations around Massachusetts in celebrating Preservation Month this May.

“Preservation Month provides an opportunity to discover and appreciate the Commonwealth’s historic resources and to recognize that historic preservation benefits all of us, enhancing all our lives,” Galvin said. “I encourage everyone to take pride in Massachusetts’ historic sites and preservation efforts and take advantage of these events across our state.”

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Massachusetts Historical Commission’s Preservation Awards Program, a highlight of Preservation Month in Massachusetts. The Commission will be recognizing the significant achievements of ten worthy projects and individuals, including The Chinatown Atlas in Boston; Paul Revere House Education and Visitor Center in Boston; Essex Town Hall and T.O.H.P. Burnham Library in Essex; Fitchburg Yarn Works in Fitchburg; Eustis Estate in Milton; MASS MoCA Building #6 in North Adams; Joseph Simes House in Plymouth; Virginia Adams, Reading Historical Commission; Fire Alarm and Telegraph Building in Worcester; and Minxie and James Fannin, Fannin – Lehner Preservation Consultants, in Concord.

The awards will be presented at a public ceremony at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, at the Massachusetts Archives Building in Boston.

Observed nationally since 1973, Preservation Month is an opportunity for organizations large and small to promote preservation, historic places, and community pride through celebrations and other events. Communities and organizations around Massachusetts are sponsoring numerous preservation activities during the month of May that celebrate the

Commonwealth's rich and diverse heritage. More information is available from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and local historical commissions.

The Massachusetts Historical Commission is chaired by Secretary Galvin and 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. Additional information about the Commission's programs may be found at www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc.

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