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**SECRETARY GALVIN ANNOUNCES 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRESERVATION AWARDS PROGRAM**

William F. Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth and Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), is pleased to announce that the MHC is accepting nominations for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Preservation Awards Program.

Administered by the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), the Preservation Awards Program recognizes preservation projects and individuals that have displayed an outstanding commitment to historic preservation in Massachusetts. Projects completed in the years 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 are eligible for consideration.

The MHC encourages local historical commissions and societies, preservation professionals, and individuals to nominate outstanding preservation projects for this honor. **Nominations must be received at the MHC's office in the State Archives Building by 5:00pm on Friday, February 17, 2017. Emailed nominations cannot be accepted.**

“The MHC’s Preservation Awards Program highlights the important contributions of individuals and organizations to the preservation of historic resources in Massachusetts,” Secretary Galvin said. “This is an excellent opportunity to recognize a significant historic preservation accomplishment in your community. I encourage everyone to nominate exemplary projects or outstanding individuals that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to preservation.”

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The MHC accepts nominations in the following categories:

- Adaptive Reuse
- Archaeology
- Education and Outreach
- Individual Lifetime Achievement (20 or more years of exemplary service to historic preservation in Massachusetts)
- Landscape Preservation
- Local Preservationist
- Rehabilitation and Restoration
- Stewardship

**Nomination forms and guidelines for the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Preservation Awards are available on the Massachusetts Historical Commission's website, [www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc) or by calling 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. Visit our website to learn more about the Commission's programs at [www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc).

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