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**JOHN & RUTH ROSE HOUSE, OLDEST HOUSE IN GRANVILLE, 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 John and Ruth Rose House in Granville for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its June 13, 2018 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 Rose House in the National Register will help to raise the profile of this historically significant farmhouse, the oldest house in Granville.”

The Rose House is one of nine historic resources around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register 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 John and Ruth Rose House was built in the 1740s as part of the mid-18th-century settlement north and west from the Connecticut River Valley of Massachusetts and Connecticut by farmers, millers, blacksmiths, and craftsmen. It is the earliest surviving house in the town of Granville, in southwestern Hampden County, and one of only two houses to survive from the period in the 18th century when the area of Granville was known as the Bedford Plantation. A rare and well-preserved Georgian house and owned by the same family since the 1970s, its nomination to the National Register has resulted in a thorough documentation of the house and its history.

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. More information about the Commission's programs may be found at www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc.

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