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**CARDINAL CUSHING CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT IN HANOVER 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 Cardinal Cushing Center Historic District in Hanover 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 Cardinal Cushing Center Historic District in the National Register will help to raise awareness of this remarkable educational complex, which includes the Kennedy Building. The Kennedy Building, a recipient of historic rehabilitation tax credits, has been converted into affordable housing, which will help to stimulate economic development in Hanover.”

The Cardinal Cushing Center Historic District 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 Cardinal Cushing Center Historic District is a small historic district within the larger Cardinal Cushing Center in Hanover. The district represents the development of the Cardinal Cushing Center as a treatment facility and educational facility for special-needs children beginning in the 1940s. It was the first such facility in the Northeast. Its buildings included

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earlier buildings repurposed for the center's needs as well as several large mid-20th-century purpose-built Georgian Revival-style buildings.

The development of the center was possible largely through the efforts of Cardinal Richard Cushing, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston between 1944 and 1970, and the Kennedy Family. The historic tax credit-supported rehabilitation converted the Kennedy Building—one of the largest buildings in the district—into 37 affordable housing units, including 4 designated for families of children with special needs.

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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