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## **FEDERAL SQUARE HISTORIC DISTRICT IN SPRINGFIELD APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin has announced that the Massachusetts Historical Commission approved the Federal Square Historic District in Springfield for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its December 12, 2018 meeting. The nomination will now be submitted to the National Register of Historic Places at the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., for final consideration and designation.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is dedicated to preserving the Commonwealth’s rich historic, architectural, archaeological, and cultural resources,” Galvin said. “Inclusion of the Federal Square Historic District in the National Register is an important addition for Massachusetts, as it served an important role in the operations of the nationally significant Springfield Armory across the street.”

The district is one of six 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 Federal Square Historic District is part of the larger Springfield Armory complex and is across the street from the Springfield Armory National Historic Site, which is managed by the National Park Service. The earliest buildings in the district date to the late 1880s, and until 1968 the property was a center of firearms manufacturing and innovation. Since 1996, the Federal Square Historic District properties have been owned by Springfield Technical Community College, which has been working to convert the complex into a technology park, continuing the legacy of innovation at the site.

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



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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](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc).

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