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THE DUPREY BUILDING IN WORCESTER APPROVED FOR NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin has announced that the Massachusetts Historical Commission has approved the Duprey Building in Worcester for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. 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. “The Duprey Building is an important 1920s commercial building in downtown Worcester, built at a period of significant economic growth in the city. Its rehabilitation, assisted by state and federal historic tax credits, ensures its preservation, and its listing in the National Register documents its importance for posterity.”

The Duprey Building is one of six historic places around the Commonwealth approved for nomination to the National Register by the Massachusetts Historical Commission at a recent meeting. Secretary Galvin serves as chair of the 17-member board, which meets regularly and considers historic resources eligible for the National Register four times per year.

The Duprey Building, located at 16 Norwich Street in the Central Business District of Downtown Worcester, was built in 1926 for Philip H. Duprey, a prominent real estate developer and co-founder of the Worcester Lunch Car Company, to designs by architect Jasper Rustigian. It is a well-preserved example of commercial Classical Revival architecture in Worcester, retaining its significant features, including carved swags and Corinthian pilasters on the exterior and a terrazzo floor, marble dado, and paneled-plaster ceiling in the lobby. Historically, the building housed commercial ventures on the ground floor with professional offices above. Now, following rehabilitation, the second through sixth floors house apartments.



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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 on Galvin's website at www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc.

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