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**DALE AND ETHAN ALLEN STREETS HISTORIC DISTRICT IN WORCESTER
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 Dale and Ethan Allen Streets Historic District in Worcester for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places at its September 11, 2019 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. "The Dale and Ethan Allen Streets Historic District is a collection of well-preserved early 20th-century residential buildings in the Piedmont section of Worcester, some of which have been rehabilitated with the help of historic tax credits. Its listing in the National Register documents its importance for posterity." The Dale and Ethan Allen Streets Historic District is one of seven historic places 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 buildings in the Dale and Ethan Allen Streets Historic District were constructed between 1911 and 1930 as apartments primarily for middle-class immigrant families attracted to employment opportunities in Worcester's industries. They are an important intact collection of early 20th-century architectural styles by local architects Earle C. Storrs, Edwin T. Chapin, and John P. Kingston. Three of the buildings were constructed by Dworman Building Company, prominent local builders.

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. Visit our website to learn more about the Commission's programs (www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc).

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