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**H.R. REED HOUSE IN MARION 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 H.R. Reed House in Marion 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 H.R. Reed House is a well-preserved example of a Shingle Style summer house, emblematic of ambitious houses built in fashionable coastal resorts at the turn of the 20th century. Its listing in the National Register documents its architectural and historical significance for posterity.” The house is one of seven 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.

Designed by Boston architect James Templeton Kelley and constructed in 1893, the H.R. Reed House is a well-preserved seaside summer house in Marion. H.R. Reed was a Boston industrialist who made his fortune importing and refining sugar. The house is ample in its dimensions and plan, enclosing rooms for entertaining and support services, and finished with Colonial Revival treatments. The property is representative of the transformation of Marion from a quiet maritime village to a fashionable summer resort after the village captured the affection of an array of artists who rented small cottages for the summer.

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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