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**SECRETARY GALVIN TO PRESENT 2008 HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD TO
GRETCHEN SCHULER, WAYLAND**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William Francis Galvin, Chairman of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, announces the selection of Gretchen Schuler to receive a 2008 Massachusetts Historical Commission Historic Preservation Award for lifetime achievement.

“The Massachusetts Historical Commission is proud to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of this year’s awardees,” said Secretary Galvin. “The projects the Commission is recognizing this year are particularly diverse and represent the many creative ways significant historic resources are being preserved across the Commonwealth. The longevity and quality of Ms. Schuler’s career in preservation is commendable and serves as an excellent example for others.”

Gretchen Schuler has had a tremendous impact on historic preservation activities in Massachusetts. She worked as the preservation planner for the city of Newton for almost ten years and now works as a private consultant preparing preservation plans, conducting surveys of historic properties, and authoring National Register nominations, among many other activities. She is an active volunteer in her community of Wayland, serving on and chairing a number of committees and advisory boards including the Planning Board, the Wayland Historical Commission, the Wayland Community Preservation Committee, and the Wayland Historic District Commission. Ms. Schuler has served as an adjunct professor at Boston University helping to train a new generation of historic preservationists and has delivered training to many local commissions through Preservation Massachusetts, Inc. Ms. Schuler is a graduate of Simmons College and holds a Masters Degree in Historic Preservation from Boston University. Ms. Schuler’s work and expertise have had a positive impact on a large number of individuals and organizations within the preservation community.

Secretary Galvin will present the awards at an early evening ceremony on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at the Massachusetts Archives Building at 220 Morrissey Blvd., Dorchester. Gretchen Schuler is one of 11 projects and individuals to be honored.

This is the 30th year of MHC’s Preservation Awards program. Projects are considered annually for awards in the categories of Rehabilitation and Restoration, Adaptive Reuse, Education and Outreach, Archaeology, and Landscape Preservation. Individuals are considered in the categories of Lifetime Achievement and Local Preservationist. Secretary Galvin serves as the chair of the 17-member Massachusetts Historical Commission.

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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