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## **SECRETARY GALVIN ANNOUNCES PRESERVATION MONTH**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin, chair of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, announced today that he is pleased to join state and local organizations around Massachusetts in celebrating Preservation Month this May.

“Preservation Month provides an opportunity to discover and appreciate the Commonwealth’s historic resources and to recognize that historic preservation benefits all of us, enhancing all our lives,” Galvin said. “I encourage everyone to take pride in our historic sites and preservation efforts and take advantage of these events across Massachusetts.”

Observed nationally since 1973, Preservation Month is an opportunity for organizations large and small to promote preservation, historic places, and community pride through celebrations and other events. Communities and organizations around Massachusetts are sponsoring numerous preservation activities during the month of May that celebrate the Commonwealth’s rich and diverse heritage. More information is available from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and local historical commissions.

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. Additional information about the Commission’s programs may be found at [www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc](http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc).

This year is the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Massachusetts Historical Commission’s Preservation Awards Program. The Commission will be recognizing the significant achievements of eleven worthy projects and individuals, including the State House Senate Chamber in Boston; The Union at 48 Boylston in Boston; Fowler-Clark-Epstein Farm in Boston; the Longfellow Bridge in Boston and Cambridge; the Fitch-Hoose House in Dalton; South Harwich Meetinghouse in Harwich; Plymouth Post Office in Plymouth; Maple Commons Apartments in Springfield; Topsfield Town Hall; the Rosemary Brook



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Siphon Gatehouse Buildings of the Sudbury Aqueduct in Wellesley; and James Alexander of Finegold Alexander Architects.

This year, the awards will be presented at a public ceremony at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Massachusetts State Archives Building in Boston.

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