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SECRETARY GALVIN ANNOUNCES THAT OCTOBER IS MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin announced today that October is Massachusetts Archaeology Month 2019. Organized by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the State Archaeologist, this is the 28th annual celebration of archaeology in Massachusetts. Archaeology Month features more than 60 events across the Commonwealth promoting awareness of the Commonwealth's rich archaeological past through fun and engaging programs.

"Massachusetts Archaeology Month offers something for everyone who has a curiosity about the past. I urge everyone to take part in these events to gain a deeper knowledge of Massachusetts and its archaeological past," said Galvin, Chair of the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Archaeology Month offers a variety of programs for adults, children, parents, and teachers. Programs highlight local history as well as archaeology around the world. Events include lectures, tours, exhibits, mock excavations, walking tours, chances to see behind-the-scenes in laboratories, and demonstrations.

Event highlights include: an exhibit showcasing artifacts found through excavations during Boston's Central Artery project; numerous talks highlighting recent archaeological field work throughout Massachusetts; and a talk celebrating 60 years of archaeology at the Minute Man National Historical Park.

Events will be held in Acton, Adams, Amherst, Andover, Arlington, Billerica, Boston, Brewster, Bridgewater, Cambridge, Chelmsford, Concord, Deerfield, Duxbury, Eastham, Hamilton, Haverhill, Kingston, Lincoln, Lowell, Marshfield, Medford, Middleborough, Milford, Nantucket, North Adams, Northampton, Norwell, Plymouth, Quincy, Revere, Somerville, Springfield, Sturbridge, Taunton, Waltham, Wayland, Wellesley, Wilmington, Winchester, Woburn, and Worcester.

Archaeology Month resources, including a poster for Massachusetts Archaeology Month, a calendar of events, and archaeology-related lesson plans for teachers are



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available for download on Galvin's website. Printed materials are also available upon request.

In addition to the event listings, the Archaeology Month calendar includes information about Massachusetts museums with archaeology programs and archaeological websites. The Archaeology Month poster features the archaeological excavation of Katherine Nanny Naylor's privy at the Cross Street Backlot site in Boston.

Archaeology Month materials are available for download at http://www.sec.state.ma.us/mhc/mhcarch/arch_month/archidx.htm. Printed materials may be requested by contacting the MHC at 617-727-8470.

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.

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