



ESSEX NATIONAL
HERITAGE AREA

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**ESSEX HERITAGE ELECTS CHARLES R. CULLEN TO
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

December 11, 2009 (Salem, MA) ... The Essex National Heritage Commission Board of Trustees recently elected Charles R. Cullen, President & CEO of The Provident Bank to serve a three year term. Mr. Cullen has been an active ENHC Commissioner since October 2005, and the Provident Bank has been an enthusiastic supporter of several ENHC initiatives in the Amesbury and Greater Newburyport area, including the Friendship Sails! excursion in 2006. “Charlie brings a wealth of strategic experience and a keen interest in preserving and promoting the unique quality of life of the region to the Essex Heritage Board,” said ENHC President Kevin Tierney. “Essex Heritage is very grateful for the volunteer support of our Commissioners and Trustees, and we are very pleased that Mr. Cullen will lend his enthusiastic leadership to our Board,” said Essex Heritage Executive Director, Annie C. Harris.

Mr. Cullen was appointed President of The Provident Bank in May 2003 and Chief Executive Officer in May 2004, bringing over 30 years of banking experience to the CEO position. He actively participates with many community organizations. Charlie is a former Chairman of the Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce and is currently Chairman of

the Anna Jaques Community Health Foundation and a member of the Board of Trustees at Anna Jaques Hospital. Charlie is a graduate of Lowell Tech and received his M.B.A. from Suffolk University.

The Provident Bank, established in 1828, is an independent, mutually owned, community bank based in Amesbury, Massachusetts. To date, total assets exceed \$495 million and the bank has awarded over \$2.7 million in charitable giving. The Provident Bank offers seven full-service locations in Amesbury and Newburyport, Massachusetts, Exeter, Portsmouth and Seabrook, New Hampshire. The bank will soon be opening its eighth branch in Hampton, New Hampshire in early 2010.

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 <p>ESSEX NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA</p>	<p>About the Essex National Heritage Area and Essex Heritage</p> <p>Designated by the US Congress in recognition of the important role that this region played in American history and its significant heritage sites still remaining, the Essex National Heritage Area is comprised of the 34 communities of Essex County, MA. Essex Heritage is a non profit agency that manages the Heritage Area, and works in collaboration with the National Park Service to promote public/private partnerships, and develop programs that enhance, preserve and encourage regional awareness of the Area's unique historic, cultural and natural resources. For more information, visit Essex Heritage at www.essexheritage.org or call (978) 740-0444.</p>