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The Historical Society of Michigan is excited to introduce the **Michigan Heritage Home™** program which recognizes houses that were constructed at least 100 years ago with a custom-made cast aluminum plaque that bears the name of the home's original owner and its year of construction.

We would appreciate your help in spreading the word by providing the enclosed brochures to interested homeowners in your community. **Your organization can also choose to be involved in the Michigan Heritage Home program by helping your local residents celebrate their home's history through local publicity, dedication ceremonies, or other profile-building that will bring more attention to the important role your organization plays in preserving and sharing your community's history and heritage.**

Every Michigan community boasts fine old houses that contribute to its historic fabric, and homeowners often inquire about a program to recognize the houses in which they take great pride and have often spent years restoring. Until now, statewide recognition has been limited to the familiar green Michigan Historic Markers created by our friends at the Michigan Historical Commission. Those markers require a connection with a historically significant person or event, and most houses are therefore ineligible for such recognition. We have designed the Michigan Heritage Home program to broadly honor and commemorate the important history and heritage that are in homes no matter who may have lived there.

Recognition as a Michigan Heritage Home requires that the applicant furnish primary source documentation to prove the house's construction date. As the custodians of your community's history, we hope that you can assist homeowners with your expertise as they research that documentation. We would also welcome a representative from your organization to be present when a newly-certified house in your area receives its Michigan Heritage Home plaque.

If you could use more Michigan Heritage Home brochures please let us know by email at hsm@hsmichigan.org or call us at (800) 692-1828.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in promoting this exciting new program!