

On June 10, 2008 Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick visited Pilgrim Hall Museum and signed an Executive Order creating a State Commission to plan the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the Pilgrims in 2020.

Photos by Paul McAlduff



Governor Deval Patrick is escorted into Pilgrim Hall Museum's Main Hall by Pilgrim Society Trustee Emeritus Peter J. Gomes.



Peter Gomes, Trustee Emeritus of the Pilgrim Society, opens the ceremony. He is flanked by Representative Vinny DeMacedo (left) and by Governor Deval Patrick and Senate President Therese Murray (right).



The contributions of John Talcott, Trustee Emeritus of the Pilgrim Society and Chair of the Celebration of the 350th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims in 1970, are recognized by Peter Gomes.



Governor Deval Patrick and Senate President Therese Murray, Vice-President of the Pilgrim Society, speak.



Governor Deval Patrick signs the State Commission into existence.



Left to right: Selectman Ken Tavares, Selectman Butch Machado, Selectman Dicky Quintal, Pilgrim Society & Pilgrim Hall Museum Director Peg Baker, The Rev. Professor Peter J. Gomes, Governor Deval Patrick (seated), British Consul General for New England Dr. Philip Budden, Senate President Therese Murray, Representative Vinny DeMacedo, Representative Tom Calter, Town Manager Mark Sylvia



Governor Deval Patrick hands a "signing pen" To Senator President Therese Murray. Left to right: Selectman Dicky Quintal, Pilgrim Society & Pilgrim Hall Museum Director Peg Baker, The Rev. Professor Peter J. Gomes, Governor Deval Patrick (seated), British Consul General for New England Dr. Philip Budden, Senate President Therese Murray, Representative Vinny deMacedo (with his hand on Pilgrim Hall Museum's piece of Plymouth Rock) and Representative Tom Calter