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In my travels across the United States, I have come to appreciate the crucial role that effective statewide preservation organizations play in furthering historic preservation. As a result, I have concluded that the Trust should have as one of its highest priorities the strengthening of statewides.

Thus, I am pleased to announce the Statewides Initiative, a program of the National Trust aimed at supporting emerging statewide preservation organizations to increase significantly their effectiveness.

As suggested by many of the stronger statewides, the purpose of this program is to assist emerging statewides, and in particular to assist those statewides for whom obtaining a full-time staff person would substantially increase their effectiveness. addition, I intend for the National Trust to strengthen the ways in which we work with all statewides. Assisting and strengthening statewides will be one of the highest priorities of the regional offices and of the Trust itself.

I thank all of you whose input has helped us shape this program. I especially appreciate the participation by Trustee Nancy Campbell, Advisors Terrell Eddins and Christy McAvoy, members of the National Alliance of Statewide Preservation Organizations members of the National Conference of State Historic and Preservation Officers.

Enclosed for your information is a fuller explanation of the program.

> The mission of the National Trust for Historic Preservation is to foster an appreciation of the diverse character and meaning of our American cultural heritage and to preserve and revitalize the livability of our communities by leading the nation in saving America's historic environments.