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David Preziosi Appointed as Preservation Dallas Executive Director

DALLAS, TX (August 2, 2012) - Preservation Dallas announced today that David Preziosi has been appointed as its Executive Director. Preziosi succeeds Katherine Seale, who served as the organization's director from 2007 until 2012. He will assume his role at Preservation Dallas on September 4, 2012.

David Preziosi has held the position of Executive Director of the Mississippi Heritage Trust (MHT) since 2002. In that position, he was responsible for statewide historic preservation endeavors, including advocacy efforts and educational programming to raise awareness of the historic cultural resources of Mississippi. He worked extensively on recovery and relief efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina by conducting damage assessment surveys, leading tours for members of the national press and congressional delegates, and advocating for saving historic structures affected by the storm. His efforts were instrumental in helping to secure \$26 million in federal aid for repair and preservation of damaged historic structures on the Mississippi coast.

"David has a proven track-record as a champion for historic preservation and as an administrator," stated Steve Whitcraft, the President of the Board of Trustees. "He brings a strong commitment to advocacy for preservation issues and experience working on programs at the local, state, and national level. He is a leader in the preservation field who will continue to foster the positive role that Preservation Dallas plays in the city and throughout Texas in meaningful ways."

Before assuming leadership of the MHT, Mr. Preziosi served as a city planner for the City of Natchez, Mississippi and led the Department of Planning and Zoning. He received his Master's degree in urban planning with a certificate in historic preservation from Texas A&M University, where he also earned his undergraduate degree in environmental design.

About Preservation Dallas

Preservation Dallas is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of Dallas' buildings, neighborhoods and other historical, architectural, and cultural resources. Founded in 1972, Preservation Dallas has a successful history of saving some of our community's most significant landmarks.

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