§ 14.03 Definitions. When used in this article, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context, the terms listed below shall have the following meanings:

1. "Agency preservation officer" means the commissioner, director or chairperson of any state department, agency, board, commission, public benefit corporation or public authority, or his representative identified in accordance with the provisions of subdivision two of section 14.05 of this article.

2. "Board" means the state board for historic preservation.

3. "Chairman" means the chairman of the state board for historic preservation.

4. "Historic preservation" means for the purposes of this article and notwithstanding any other provision of law, the study, designation, protection, restoration, rehabilitation and use of buildings, structures, historic districts, areas, and sites significant in the history, architecture, archeology or culture of this state, its communities or the nation.

5. "Historic and/or cultural place or property" means any building, structure, district, area, site or object including underground and underwater sites, that is of significance in the history, architecture, archeology or culture of the state, its communities or the nation.

6. "Historic district" means any area which: (a) has a special character or special historical, archeological, architectural, or cultural value; or (b) represents one or more periods or styles of architecture typical of one or more eras; and (c) causes such area, by reason of such factors, to constitute a distinct section.

7. "Municipality" for the purpose of this article only means any county, city, town or village.

8. "Municipal official" means the chief executive officer of any

municipality or his or her designated representative.

9. "National register" means the national register of historic places authorized by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

10. "Registered property" means any historic place or property within the boundaries of the state nominated by the commissioner for listing on the national register of historic places or listed on the New York state register of historic places established pursuant to section 14.07 of this article.

11. "State agency" means any state department, agency, board or commission of the state, or a public benefit corporation or public authority at least one of whose members is appointed by the governor.

12. "State register" means the state register of historic places established pursuant to section 14.07 of this article.