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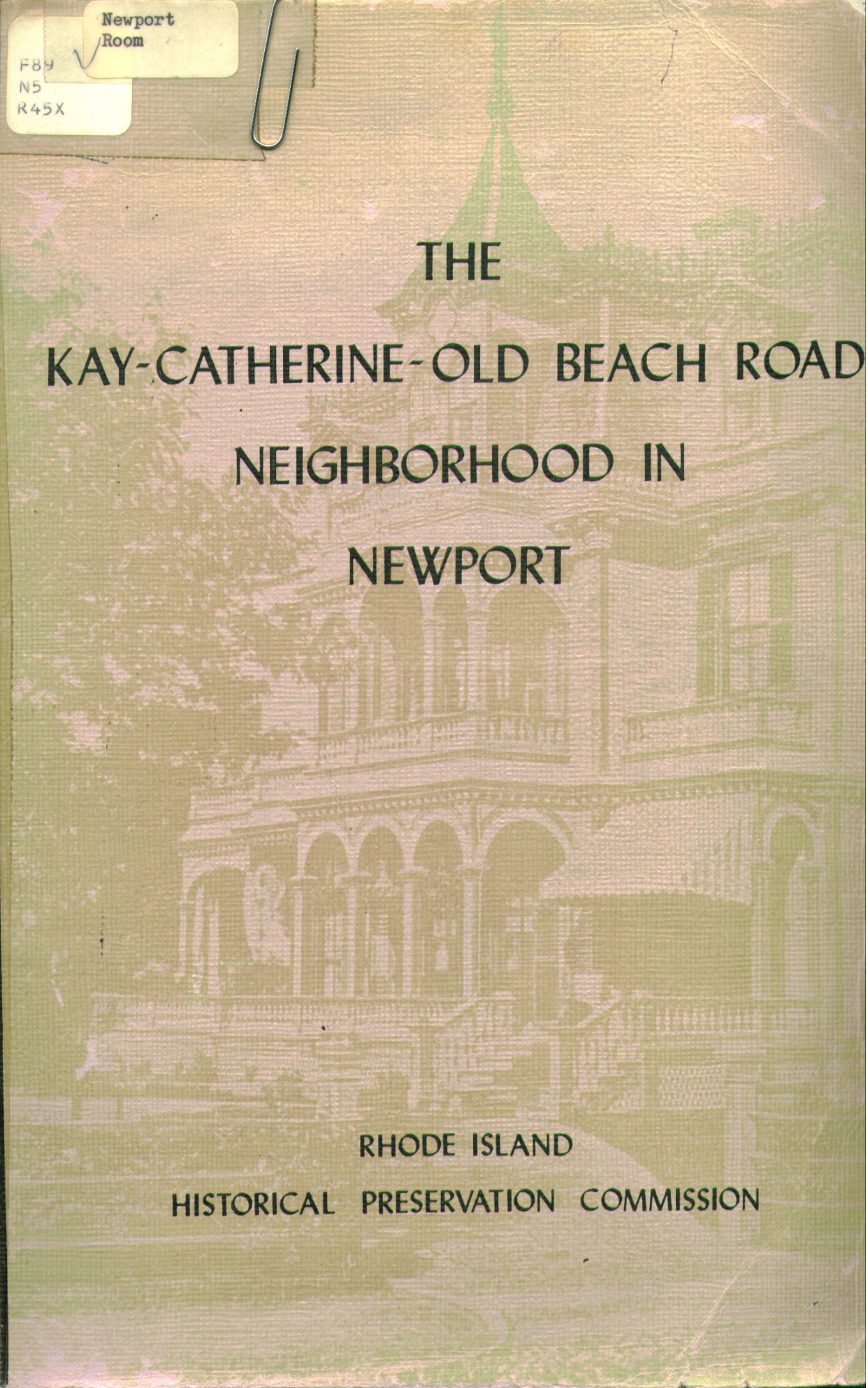
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The Honorable Philip Noel  
Governor of Rhode Island  
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Dear Governor Noel:

It is with pleasure that I transmit herewith the second publication in the planned Statewide Preservation Report series.

The following pages contain a brief outline of our purpose and procedures. Specifically, this report "The Kay Street - Catherine Street - Old Beach Road Neighborhood, Newport, Rhode Island," is an analysis of the historical and architectural development of this area with consideration of current developments and problems. The recommended preservation program will contribute the needed positive historic planning factor for future development of this historic area.

Although the Commission has made a positive start, it has only begun the task of recording and conserving the rich historical resources of Rhode Island. Ultimately reports will be published on all thirty-nine cities and towns in the state. We hope that our work, represented in this booklet, will forward the cause of historic preservation in Rhode Island.

Very Sincerely,

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