

Appendix A: Press Releases and Speeches

Governor Patrick Re-establishes Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence

Names New Executive Director to Lead Revamped Council

BOSTON - June 18, 2007 -- Governor Deval L. Patrick today announced the recent filing of an executive order re-establishing the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. The executive order restructures the Council and calls for specific projects to help the Council focus its work. Governor Patrick also announced the appointment of Sheridan Haines to lead the Council. Ms. Haines currently serves as Deputy Director at Jane Doe, Inc., a social service and advocacy organization that protects victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

"I have seen first-hand, at different times in my life, the ways that violence, abuse, and crime can destabilize the lives of individuals, families and communities," Governor Patrick said. "It is vital that victims of sexual and domestic violence receive the protection and care they need. I am pleased to have Sheridan Haines, with her leadership and experience in assisting victims, on board to head our efforts."

Ms Haines added, "I am deeply honored to be invited to serve Governor Patrick in this capacity. To have the opportunity bring the voices of sexual and domestic violence survivors to the State House, and to work across disciplines, secretariats and departments to accomplish targeted results for victims and survivors across the Commonwealth is indeed an exciting new endeavor for me."

In addition to streamlining the structure of the council from over 300 members to 30, the executive order filed by the Governor requires the council to produce a guide for Massachusetts law enforcement agencies to consult when responding to an adult sexual assault. It also requires the council to revise and update the Massachusetts Policy for Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence (which was last updated in 2002).

The Council will also consider the need for further legislation to protect victims, punish and treat perpetrators, and reduce and prevent incidence of sexual and domestic violence. Members will continuously evaluate the response of law enforcement, judicial and health and human service systems to the needs of victims and consider measures to reduce incidents of assault through education and awareness. In addition, the Council will consider measures to better enable victims to transition from violent relationships to violence-free lives.

The Council will be chaired by Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray and will consist of up to 30 members appointed by the Governor. The Council will submit an annual report to the Governor with its findings and recommendations.

Ms. Haines has worked for Jane Doe, Inc. for the last 6 years, the last 5 as Deputy Director. Prior to her work at Jane Doe, Ms. Haines was the executive director of the Samaritans of Boston, a non-profit suicide prevention center. She also worked 8 years as a program planner for the Elizabeth Stone House, located in Jamaica Plain, MA, where she was responsible for the management and direction of non-profit

alternative mental health program for women in recovery from emotional distress, domestic violence and chemical addiction. She is a resident of Jamaica Plain, MA.

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BOSTON - Thursday, July 26, 2007 - Governor Deval Patrick announced today that he has nominated Superior Court Judge Margot Botsford, 60, to the Supreme Judicial Court.

Botsford, a highly regarded 18-year veteran of the Superior Court, most recently received notice for her meticulous and scholarly work in the school finance case, *Hancock v. Driscoll*. She is being nominated to fill the vacancy created by the death of Justice Martha B. Sosman in March.

"Judge Botsford's brilliance as a jurist on the Superior Court and as a prosecutor and a litigator of civil matters, combined with her deep empathy for people, make her an ideal choice to serve on the SJC," said Governor Patrick. "The SJC is the oldest appellate court in continuous existence in the Western Hemisphere, with a long tradition of excellence. Judge Botsford ably upholds that tradition."

A Jamaica Plain resident and graduate of Northeastern University School of Law and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, Judge Botsford's legal career spans 30 years of public and private service. Following a clerkship for SJC Justice Francis J. Quirico, Judge Botsford worked one year at the former Boston law firm, Hill & Barlow. She left to serve as an Assistant Attorney General for four years and returned to private practice when she formed the law firm of Rosenfeld, Botsford & Krokidas. Later, Judge Botsford worked as a prosecutor in the Middlesex County District Attorney's Office for six years before Governor Dukakis appointed her to the bench in 1989.

She chaired the Massachusetts Commission on Judicial Conduct for three years and was a member of the SJC Committee to Study the Code of Judicial Conduct. She serves as chair of the Superior Court's committee on mentoring and training new judges.

Margot Botsford and her husband Stephen Rosenfeld have four children. Judge Botsford is a Trustee of Northeastern University.

Governor Patrick praised the Judicial Nominating Commission, chaired by Lisa C. Goodheart, for its deliberate, thorough and thoughtful consideration of a field of highly qualified candidates. He also thanked the Joint Bar Committee for its participation in the process and endorsement of his nominee.

The Governor has submitted the nomination today to the Governor's Council and asked for their prompt and favorable consideration.

GOVERNOR PATRICK TAPS JOSEPH C. CARTER TO LEAD MASSACHUSETTS NATIONAL GUARD

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BOSTON-Wednesday, August 15, 2007-Governor Deval Patrick today announced the selection of Brigadier General Joseph C. Carter as the next Adjutant General (TAG) of the Massachusetts National Guard.

General Carter, who currently serves as an Assistant Adjutant General of the Guard and Chief of the MBTA's Transit Police Department, will assume command of the Massachusetts National Guard on September 21, 2007. With his appointment to the position of TAG, General Carter will become the first African-American appointed to the post in the Massachusetts National Guard's 370-year history.

"I am pleased that Brigadier General Carter has agreed to continue his service to the Commonwealth as The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard," Governor Patrick said. "The people of Massachusetts stand to benefit greatly from General Carter's vast experience as a soldier, a police officer, a manager and a public safety leader. I am confident he will follow the tremendous leadership example set by outgoing Adjutant General Oliver Mason."

As TAG, General Carter will serve as the Governor's senior military advisor and will command the Massachusetts National Guard, which has more than 6,000 army and air guard soldiers. While the primary mission of the Massachusetts National Guard is to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth in times of natural disaster and civil emergency, the Guard also supports the Department of Defense in federal military missions.

Currently, more than 1658 members of the Massachusetts National Guard are deployed overseas in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kosovo and other areas.

"It is an honor to be given the opportunity to serve as The Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard and I look forward to the responsibilities and challenges that the position will bring," said General Carter. "The Massachusetts National Guard is one of the oldest military institutions in our country and to this day serves a critical role in maintaining the safety and security of the citizens of the Commonwealth. I will do everything in my power to ensure that our National Guard maintains its long-standing tradition of excellence while constantly searching for ways to improve."

Since 2003, General Carter has served as Chief of Police of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Transit Police Department. In that position, General Carter directly supervised 276 sworn personnel responsible for public safety of the Authority's public transportation network within 175 cities and towns. He also currently serves as elected President of the 21,000 member International Association of Chiefs of Police, the nation's largest professional organization of police executives. Preceding his appointment to the MBTA, he served for nearly five years as Chief of the Oak Bluffs Police Department on Martha's Vineyard. Before that, he was a member of the Boston Police Department for 20

years, starting as a patrol officer in 1978 and achieving the ranks of Chief Administrative Hearing Officer, Chief of Staff, and Superintendent.

General Carter entered the Massachusetts Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserves in January 1974 and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant prior to receiving his commission as a second Lieutenant at the Massachusetts Military Academy in 1979. During his military career, he has served in several key positions including: J-5 (Strategic Plans & International Affairs); Division Chief of Intelligence and Security (I & S); Assistant/Acting Division Chief I & S; Military Intelligence Officer; Tactical Surveillance Officer; MP Battalion S-4; MP Company Commander; MP Platoon Leader; Infantry Detachment Commander; and Infantry Platoon Leader. General Carter was promoted to Brigadier General in 2006.

General Carter graduated from the US Army War College in 2002 with a Master of Strategic Studies degree. He also holds a Bachelors degree in organizational behavior and management from Lesley College and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration from Atlanta University.

General Carter is a member of the U.S. Department of Justice's Anti-Terrorism and Joint-Terrorism Task Force, a life member of the First Corps of Cadets and a life member of the NAACP in addition to a number of other civic and military organizations.

10.1.07 - Zero-Tolerance Domestic Abuse Policy Announced

Governor Deval L. Patrick

Zero-Tolerance Domestic Abuse Policy Announced

October 1, 2007

As Delivered

Thank you all for waiting, we had a rich conversation in the other room and I know that Diane and I, neither of us were quite ready to have it end. But let me first acknowledge Secretary Burke who is here, Secretary Bigby is here. Chairman Michael Costello has joined us as well. Under Secretary Mary Elizabeth Heffernan is here, where are you Mary? There you are, ok. Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Legislative Affairs Layla Demilia Shepherd is here as well, than you for being here. Sheredan Haynes the Executive Director of my own council to address domestic and sexual violence, thank you Sheredan for being here. And Mary Lauvy, the extraordinary Director of the Jane Doe. And a whole host of others who have given us a rich insight into a crisis.

There were 39 domestic violence deaths in the first nine months of this year. Just this summer, three in Brockton, leaving five motherless children. A grandmother in Everett. A mother in Norton, who was herself killed, her two daughters were wounded and miraculously survived, and then the perpetrator took his own life in front of a commuter train. Death is the most extreme result of sexual and domestic violence, but there are lots and lots of serious injuries and then the psychological impact on children, on neighbors, on communities, on those commuters on that train, who see those tragedies played out and that horror played out in front of them. Diane and I are here to bear witness to this tragedy and to ask all that are here to join us in bearing witness to these tragedies and to look for new strategies. Stronger, more effective strategies to bring this kind of thing to an end.

I want to thank all of the first-responders and the service providers, many of whom are represented here, who have so ably and so wisely, with, I've heard about it, insufficient resource, met this challenge in communities all over the Commonwealth. And we have, in order to call attention to them, and most especially to the victims, and maybe even more so to the strategies that can work to prevent these kind of tragedies, declare this month domestic violence awareness month, and we will work hard with those here and those represented here, to strike out on new strategies that can bring better results for the commonwealth. The department of justice has provided a grant of \$1.3 million for the Executive Office of Public Safety, the Municipal Police Training Committee and Jane Doe Inc., to collaborate on training Massachusetts police officers to respond to and prevent incidents of domestic violence. The Department

of Public Health has received funding to support the Massachusetts Rural Domestic and Sexual Violence Project, enhancing our ability to provide services to kids and families in further flung communities and to organize and implement violence prevention initiatives in the Commonwealth. The Department of Social Services is dedicating a portion of the fiscal year domestic violence expansion funds, to support strategies that most effectively reach women and men at imminent risk of serious harm, including homicide. DSS will also provide a half million dollars to the emergency housing stabilization fund for quick flexible cash assistance to prevent families from becoming homeless due to domestic violence or danger. We want to encourage communities to explore new ways of addressing domestic violence situations.

How do we reach out to victims of these crimes? How can we all take responsibility as family, friends, neighbors, members of community that see our stake in each other, to play a role and together develop solutions to domestic violence? How do we talk to children about this crisis, about what they see, about how it hurts them and about how they can get the help and the healing that they need. And how can we come together as a community to hold offenders accountable for this violence.

In Dorchester, through an innovative program called "Close to Home," neighbors are talking to neighbors about domestic violence and the toll it takes. Organizers are creating a community-based network of prevention and intervention designed by that community to foster neighborhood-wide responsibility to prevent and reduce the impact of domestic violence. In Newburyport, the Jeanne-Geiger Crisis Center has worked with the police, the courts and other partners to form a nationally recognized high risk response team, that is demonstrating significant results. It was born of a tragedy, described to us today. The death of Dorothy Guinta-Cotter's resulted the community coming together to examine what went wrong, what could be more effectively to intervene in potentially lethal situations and to save lives. There was a chilling account of the emergency response tape, the 9-1-1 tape, I think it was, that is now used in training of police officers to sensitize those first responders to what is actually happening.

This is not an academic issue. It's not some theory. It's people in horrible crisis, sometime at risk of and sometimes in fact, losing their lives. This team in Newburyport has been in place over two years now and is showing tremendous promise as the best practice.

Today, I'm directing the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary Burke and Secretary Bigby, working with the Sexual and Domestic Violence Council, which Sheridan Haines leads, to explore the Newburyport high risk protocol and the "Close to Home" approach to domestic violence as a public, civic issue, and as a first task of the new council to deliver to me a set of best practice recommendations, addressing both the public health and public safety aspects of domestic violence so we can implement and scale-up across the commonwealth, programs we know work.

To close, I want to point out that there are services available right now. If you are a victim of domestic violence or a family member or a friend, and if you don't mind, I'm going to ask the media outlets to help us get this word out, please know that there are free, confidential services available to you, 24 hours per day, seven days a week, every day of the year. Call the state-wide domestic hotline, SafeLink it's called, at 1-877-785-2020. Let me repeat. SafeLink can be reached at 1-877-785-2020. Or go to Janedoe.org to locate the domestic violence program nearest to you, and I thank the media in advance for letting us use you to help get this word out.

GOVERNOR PATRICK SIGNS BUFFER ZONE BILL

Increases safety of women seeking reproductive health services

BOSTON - Tuesday, November 13, 2007 -- Governor Deval Patrick today signed into law a bill expanding the protected area around reproductive health facilities in Massachusetts.

The legislation, supported by Senate President Therese Murray and Speaker of the House Salvatore DiMasi, establishes a fixed 35-foot buffer zone around the entrances and driveways of all reproductive health facilities in Massachusetts.

"Women in the Commonwealth have the right to obtain medical care free from violence, harassment or intimidation and this new law will guard that right," said Governor Patrick. "By widening the buffer zone around reproductive clinics we will protect patients from the harassment that so many have encountered as they seek care."

The prior buffer zone law, enacted in 2000, established a 6-foot "bubble zone" within an 18-foot buffer zone outside of reproductive health care facilities. A person could not knowingly approach another person within the 6-foot bubble zone unless he obtained that person's consent. That law had been difficult to enforce, however, because it was unclear how to prove that a patient did or did not give consent to a protester. Although violations of the law were reported to be frequent, there had not been a successful prosecution under the law since its enactment.

The new law attempts to remedy the problem by establishing a fixed 35-foot buffer zone around the entrances and driveways of all of the reproductive health facilities in the state, thereby ensuring safe access, without interfering with the ability of protestors to express themselves outside of the protected area.

"Patients have the right to seek medical care; health professionals have the right to assist their patients; and they both have the right to pursue care without being harassed, humiliated or threatened," Senate President Murray (D-Plymouth) said. "The new, improved Buffer Zone law is enforceable, common-sense legislation to protect the rights and well-being of women and their health care providers."

"Women seeking health services and the people who provide them should be free to do so without fear of assault, harassment or intimidation," said Speaker DiMasi (D-Boston). "This expanded buffer zone provides much-needed improvements to public safety and I commend everyone who worked so hard to see this bill become law."

"The Legislature's and Governor's quick work in passing the Buffer Zone Legislation addresses an important public safety issue," said Attorney General Martha Coakley. "Over the years, reproductive health care facilities have been the scene of mass demonstrations, congestion, blockades, and disturbances. This legislation will help to ensure greater safety on our public ways and sidewalks and

prevent violence, harassment and intimidation of women who are attempting to exercise their fundamental right to access healthcare."

"Planned Parenthood supports this new law because it will protect the privacy, dignity and safety of patients who are just trying to get to their doctor's appointments and staff who are just trying to do their jobs," said Dianne Luby, President/CEO Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts. "This is an important public safety measure and we commend Governor Patrick for signing it into law today."

The lead sponsors of the legislation - which had broad support in both the Senate and the House - were Senators Susan Fargo (D-Concord) and Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester), and Representatives Marty Walz (D-Boston) and Carl Sciortino (D-Medford).

11.13.07 - New Buffer Zone Bill Signed into Law

Governor Deval L. Patrick

New Buffer Zone Bill Signed into Law

November 13, 2007

As Delivered

Well welcome everyone. I am very pleased to be joined by President Murray, by Speaker DiMasi, by Secretary Burke, by the members of the House and Senate who are here. To all of you, to sign a bill that strikes an appropriate balance between the freedom of choice and the freedom of expression. We had, for a long time now, a series of laws that have been mostly un-enforceable to enable women to get the reproductive health services to which they are entitled and to which they so desperately need. We have had to find a better balance than the current past law allowed so there was not the level of harassment and intimidation in the exercise of that right but, so there was also a reasonable opportunity for people who have a different view to express that view. We believe that with the legislation, we have struck that better balance. The freedom of choice is secure here in this Commonwealth, and we are all proud of that and we mean for it to be exercised without intimidation and harassment. We also mean to respect the reasonable right to express themselves of people who have a different view. I want to say thank you to the main sponsors of this bill, Senators Fargo and Chandler and Timilty and Tisei, all of whom are here. Representative Walsh could not be here, Representative Sciortino showed great leadership indeed, as all here did. They championed this bill and got it through our legislature with overwhelming support. I also want to recognize and thank the Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, NARAL Pro Choice Massachusetts, the Massachusetts chapter of the National Organization for Women, and the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus for pushing so hard to get this done and for their continued advocacy for women's health and the right to choose.

Governor Patrick Establishes Office of the Child Advocate

New office to investigate and oversee agencies responsible for child welfare

BOSTON- Thursday, December 20, 2007-Governor Deval Patrick today signed an Executive Order establishing the Office of the Child Advocate responsible for investigation into critical incidents involving children in custody of or receiving services from the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS). "There is no government role more important than ensuring that children are protected," said Governor Patrick. "The Office of the Child Advocate will be in a position to look at policies and practices across agencies so that the Commonwealth can best promote and protect the safety, health and wellbeing of our children."

The Office of the Child Advocate will be part of EOHHS but will be fully independent. The Child Advocate is authorized to review any EOHHS agencies' investigation of such an incident to conduct its own investigation as needed.

The child advocate's independence from any individual agency will also ensure his or her ability to identify patterns and system-wide issues affecting services provided to children and make recommendations for improvement. Secretary Bigby and the commissioners of state agencies serving children believe that the Child Advocate is the most appropriate means of addressing potential systematic issues in the way the Commonwealth serves children. The Child Advocate will report annually to the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate on priorities for children's services and make recommendations about how the Commonwealth can better provide services to and for children.

"It's critical that we do the very best we can for the children and families we serve," said Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. JudyAnn Bigby. "The Child Advocate will serve as a watchdog to help us do that."

The Child Advocate will be appointed by the Governor from a list of three well-qualified people recommended by an *ad hoc* group of advocates and experts in child welfare. The group is expected to provide its list to the governor by the end of February 2008.

GOVERNOR PATRICK ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIR AND NEW MEMBER OF THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Appointments Bolster Commonwealth's Chief Civil Rights Agency

BOSTON - Wednesday, December 5, 2007 - Governor Patrick has named Malcolm S. Medley, a recent appointee to the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD), as the Commission's new Chairman. With the designation of Medley as chair, Sunila Thomas-George, currently Acting Chief of Enforcement at MCAD, has been appointed to the vacant seat.

"Malcolm Medley's broad experience and knowledge will be invaluable as he takes the helm of the Commonwealth's chief civil rights agency," said Governor Patrick. "I am proud that he will be joined by Sunila Thomas-George whose own extensive work at the Commission as a supervising attorney will bring additional professionalism and sound judgment to the Board. Both these appointments will ensure that we as a Commonwealth continue to strive to protect the rights of all the citizens of Massachusetts."

Medley is a Boston lawyer whose practice focuses on representing individuals in federal and state courts and at administrative agencies in cases involving discrimination based on race, age, disability and ethnicity. He is also a trained arbitrator and member of the American Arbitration Association Commercial and Employment Arbitrators roster. Medley previously served as a Special Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Boston School Department from 1993 to 2000, playing a key advisory role in cases involving discrimination, student school assignment criteria and school desegregation and staffing court orders. Medley also served as Legal Counsel at OneUnited, the largest black-owned bank in the country, from 2001 to 2004. OneUnited profitably serves urban communities in Massachusetts, California and Florida that were previously viewed as "un-bankable." Medley graduated from Northeastern University in 1989 and Boston University School of Law in 1992.

Sunila Thomas-George has been an attorney with the Commission since 1997 serving in a number of capacities. During her ten years at the Commission, she was Acting Chief of Enforcement, Supervising Attorney of the Enforcement Advisors Unit, Supervising Attorney of the Attorney Assisted Unit, and a commission counsel. She managed a staff of attorneys and worked closely with the Commissioners, the Chief of Enforcement and the General Counsel on substantive and procedural issues before the Commission. She also assisted in drafting the MCAD Disability and Sexual Harassment Guidelines. She has been a Certified Trainer in Discrimination and Harassment Prevention since 2001. Thomas-George has been the recipient of a number of awards including the Executive Branch Award for Excellence in Government Legal Services in 2004 and the Manuel Carballo Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service in 2001. She graduated from Wheaton College in 1991 and Western New England College School of Law in 1995.

The Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination is the Commonwealth's chief civil rights agency. The Commission works to eliminate discrimination on a variety of bases and areas, and strives to advance the civil rights of the people of the Commonwealth through law enforcement, outreach and training.

Patrick-Murray Administration Launches Access and Opportunities Effort

Effort Seeks to Open Doors, Eliminate Barriers in State Government

BOSTON- Thursday, May 22, 2008- Keeping to his commitment to find new ways to engage individuals in their government and encourage a culture of opportunity for all residents, Governor Deval Patrick has announced the Administration's Access and Opportunities initiative.

"The people of Massachusetts deserve transparency and accountability from their government," said Governor Patrick. "By helping to ensure that rights, protections, privileges and responsibilities of citizenship are accessible to all whom live here, this effort will help us to continue to build a better Commonwealth."

The effort focuses on improving transparency and accountability in state government to make sure all individuals, no matter their race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation or physical disability, have an equal opportunity to work and contract with state government.

These efforts build on the executive order Governor Patrick issued last year, reaffirming the Commonwealth's commitment to ensuring equal opportunity and promoting diversity in all aspects of state government, including hiring practices and opening up competition for state contracts.

With Governor Patrick's approval, Administration and Finance Secretary Leslie Kirwan has appointed Ron Marlow as Assistant Secretary for Access and Opportunity to lead these efforts and ensure accountability. Marlow will oversee the activities of nearly a dozen state agencies that coordinate employment hiring and contracting goals. Prior to his appointment, Marlow served as director of the Governor's Development Cabinet.

"I am honored that Secretary Kirwan has appointed me to serve the residents of the Commonwealth in this important effort," said Marlow. "It's my goal to maximize both procurement and personnel opportunities; and, for the first time, responsibility for coordination will rest in a single point of contact and entry."

The Administration will work to ensure that small businesses, particularly minority-owned and women-owned business enterprises (M/WBEs), are able to compete for state contracts by increasing oversight and coordination among agencies to make the system more accessible. For example, the Administration would help ensure proposals to bundle construction contracts would guarantee M/WBEs would be able to compete with large and longstanding companies for state contracts.

The Administration will also identify existing state programs, activities and/or policies that may unintentionally limit individual efforts to advance economically, and make recommendations to remove barriers that may exist. For example, the state's workforce development programs may not offer all the resources necessary to help place people with limited skills or limited income into employment.

Marlow will work with the Governor's Office of Civic Engagement to organize community meetings across the state to hear from residents on issues relative to access and opportunity, and will produce an annual report, which measures the success of this effort.

5.23.08 - Commonwealth Compact Launched

Governor Deval L. Patrick

Commonwealth Compact Remarks

May 23, 2008

As Delivered

My Grandfather swept the floors of a bank on the south side of Chicago for 55 years, and when he passed away, the chairman of the bank came to his memorial service and said that had it been a different day, my grandfather would have retired as chairman of that bank himself. I think that day is here. And it's up to us to seize it.

The Commonwealth Compact, at its most fundamental level is about dispelling the notion that we have to choose between doing well and doing good. It's about demonstrating in practical terms that diversity is not just about our idealism; it directly benefits our social and economic interests. Better access and more inclusion in healthcare, education, the job market and so many other places, help drive innovation and cut costs in things like human services.

So we put forward efforts like Commonwealth Compact. Not because we are sentimental about diversity, but because we know that the best way to a prosperous community and future is through broad opportunity, equality and fair play.

China and India and other countries continue to build their educational and economic infrastructures, and their middle classes are expanding. So it's our economic imperative as well, to make sure that all of our residents have the opportunity to play a role in our state economy and in our social opportunities. In an area of limited population growth in Massachusetts, now more than ever, we have to make sure that all of our people are engaged and ready for success. That's an economic imperative that applies to all, including woman and minorities, to individuals with disabilities, to members of the GLBT community, to the immigrant communities as well.

There is concrete evidence, as you've heard in detail from Steve, of what's happening

here in Massachusetts. In the life sciences sector, one of the key drivers of our economic success, one in four New England start-ups has an immigrant founder. According to the Immigrant Learning Center, biotechnology companies in New England with at least one immigrant founder produced over 7.6 billion dollars in sales, and employed over 4,000 workers in 2006. That's very good news. And we'd be nuts not to take advantage of that.

But also, it's a telling example of how the tone we set for diversity in our community affects our communities and our economic future. Consider that Massachusetts is home to some 16,000 Hispanic-owned businesses, and is in the top 10 nationally for businesses owned by Hispanic women. As of late last year, only 1 percent of that 16,000 were certified with SOMWBA, our State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance.

So we've put in place new leadership and staffed up at SOMWBA and have connected some businesses with some very lucrative deals. Last year, an electric company owned by a Latina went from 150,000 dollars in annual sales to a 4.4 million dollar contract with the University of Massachusetts. Opportunities like that are waiting all across the Commonwealth, and I there are a couple of you hear I know who are looking at each other and looking at me saying, "Tell me where to get that contract." We are about doing just that.

In state government we have been moving to create an atmosphere of inclusion in hiring, board appointments, and enhanced access to state services and contracts for all Massachusetts residents, and we're starting to get results. Within our first month in office, I signed executive order 478 reestablishing our commitment to promote the hiring a diverse workforce. That executive order also outlined a specific process to implement the hiring of people with disabilities, resulting in the creation of the Disability Task Force to establish and implement best practices for recruiting, hiring, and promoting persons with disabilities. 14,000 executive branch employees have been trained on the Commonwealth's diversity curriculum since we took office, doubling the last administration's results.

We've been thorough in ensuring that managerial hires reflect the diversity of the Commonwealth. So far, out of 770 managers hired or promoted one in five is a minority,

over half are women. On our state boards and commissions, 9 out of 10 appointments were new to their boards rather than reappointments; and of those new appointments more than a quarter are minorities- many appointed to boards like the Mass Turnpike, the MBTA and the Board of Education. In over 80 trustee positions, 35 percent have been minorities. And on another very important note, 54 percent of appointments to boards and commissions have come, and understand the spirit in which I say this Mr. Mayor, from outside of greater Boston. We see, and it's simply because I ran to be Governor of the whole state, and it is important that we draw on that talent from beyond Boston as well.

We're seeing, we announced just this week our access and opportunity agenda, which builds on last year's executive order and is very much in the spirit of the Commonwealth Compact. The goal is to reexamine the way that we do business in state government in order to identify, understand, and act upon institutional obstacles that might be holding people back. We've entrusted Ron Marlow who is here, well known to many of you, to lead that effort as the new Assistant Secretary for Access and Opportunity within the Executive Office of Administration and Finance. And Ron, we look very much forward to working with you and to the results that you will help us produce.

So these are just some of the ways in which we've been working to bring about demonstrable change and access and openness to state government. The Commonwealth Compact could not come at a better time in my view.

And one of the really most touching moments of this extraordinary adventure we've been on - I remember the night of the inauguration, there was a gathering at the convention center, maybe some of you were there, and I remember Dianne and I went out on the...we went from room to room and we went into one of the larger rooms and out onto the stage and I looked out and the variety of people - folks who always go to things like that and folks who never go to things like that - the high and the mighty and the meek as well, side by side celebrating with us. And I remember observing the variety of people in that room and the diversity in that room and saying at the time, "Get used to it." Let's get used to it. That's a very good thing for all of us.

Patrick-Murray Administration to Launch Webpage for Available Boards and Commissions Positions

BOSTON- Friday, May 15, 2009 -In keeping with the administration's commitment to government transparency and consistent promotion of public service, Governor Deval Patrick and Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray have launched a new website for vacancies on boards and commissions to which the Governor makes appointments.

For the first time, Massachusetts residents will have better access to participate in state government by applying to serve on these important governing bodies. The Governor will make roughly 2,500 appointments to over 700 boards and commissions in his first term, made up almost entirely of volunteers willing to contribute their time and expertise to the betterment of the Commonwealth.

"This website will continue to boost accessibility to and engagement with state government for citizens throughout Massachusetts," said Governor Patrick. "I encourage people to get involved in public service, and to apply for a board or commission."

"We encourage Massachusetts residents to visit this webpage to find out what opportunities exist for participation on boards and commissions or simply to learn more about the roles these bodies play in state government and the lives of people everyday," said Lieutenant Governor Murray.

To date, Governor Patrick has appointed 1,272 active citizens to state boards and commissions. Reflecting his dedication to diversity, Governor Patrick's appointments represent a range of demographics from all over Massachusetts:

- Approximately 25% are persons of color
- Approximately 40% are women
- Appointees hail from 248 cities and towns across the Commonwealth
- 12% Western Massachusetts
- 12% Central Massachusetts
- 6% North Shore
- 5% Cape and Islands
- 9% South Shore
- 42% Greater Boston
- 7% Metro West

- 6% Merrimack Valley

The boards and commissions website will make it easy to learn more about and apply online for opportunities to serve on a wide range of boards, from boards of trustees at state and community colleges to the bodies that regulate professional licensure. There are boards associated with virtually every area of policymaking, from the over 300 Housing and Redevelopment Authorities to the Board of Underwater Archaeological Resources. Every facet of Massachusetts government holds opportunities for active citizenship through a related board or commission.

Visitors to the web site will be able to easily search for boards by policy area and by keyword. When using the application submission feature, candidates can specify a specific board of interest or up to three relevant policy areas. The site allows uploading of résumés and cover letters in any common format as well as through direct text entry. Submitted applications will instantly be added to a new central database of all individuals who are interested in serving on boards and commissions.

The boards and commissions website can be found at www.mass.gov/governor/boards.

GOVERNOR PATRICK APPOINTS MARIAN McGOVERN SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE POLICE

Governor praises outgoing Superintendent Delaney; Says McGovern will continue to move MSP forward

BOSTON - Thursday, December 10, 2009 - Governor Deval Patrick today announced he has appointed Deputy Superintendent Marian J. McGovern as the next Superintendent and Colonel of the Massachusetts State Police (MSP). McGovern will be the first female to hold the position in the Commonwealth's history.

"Over the past 30 years, Marian McGovern has performed with distinction at every level of service as a sworn member of the Massachusetts State Police," said Governor Patrick. "This experience has fully prepared her to move this critical agency forward."

McGovern's three-decade long career with the MSP began at the rank of Trooper in 1979. She has served as a detective, led the detective unit assigned to the Worcester County District Attorney's Office and served as a Major in the Crime Lab where she helped develop the CODIS Unit. She has also served as Deputy Commander of Training, headed the Division of Standards and Training as a Lieutenant Colonel and served as Deputy Superintendent since January of 2009.

"It is an honor to have spent 30 years working for the greatest law enforcement agency in the world," said Lieutenant Colonel McGovern. "And now, today, the culmination of those years and achieving the rank of Colonel and Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police is the greatest accomplishment I could have ever hoped for."

"Marian understands all phases of public safety in Massachusetts as well as what's needed to accomplish a particular mission or goal," said Public Safety Secretary Kevin M. Burke. "We're fortunate to have someone of her caliber step up and accept what will be a very difficult challenge."

McGovern received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Framingham State College and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Westfield State College. McGovern was awarded the Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award by the National Center for Women and Policing. She is also the recipient of the Distinguished Law Enforcement Award from Blue Mass, Diocese of Worcester. McGovern will assume her post on December 16th.

Governor Patrick also offered praise for outgoing Superintendent Mark Delaney, who announced his retirement in September after 35 years of service to the MSP. "Colonel Delaney has been an example of excellence during his entire career on the Department. The State Police and the Commonwealth owe him a debt of gratitude."

The Massachusetts State Police was created in 1865. Today it is comprised of 2,300 highly trained, sworn officers dedicated to serving the citizens of the Commonwealth.

GOVERNOR PATRICK SIGNS LAW TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTIONS FOR VICTIMS OF HARASSMENT

New law broadens protective orders; Follows Governor's announcement that federal funds will support DA's efforts to prevent violent crimes against women

BOSTON - Tuesday, February 9, 2010 - Governor Deval Patrick today signed legislation that will provide stronger protections for victims of sexual abuse and intimidation. The new law will allow victims to obtain criminally enforceable protection against their attackers.

"As a community, we cannot allow victims of abuse to live in fear of their perpetrator," said Governor Patrick. "This new law closes a glaring loophole by ensuring the full extent of the justice system is available to protect sexual assault victims."

"Under the old protective order statute, victims of abuse could only petition for protective orders if the abuser was a family member or someone with whom the victim had a substantial dating relationship," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray, Chair of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. "Thanks to the leadership and dedicated work of many individuals, today we have a law that removes those barriers and provides reform to further protect victims of sexual assault."

The law allows victims, regardless of relationship, to obtain civil restraining orders that are criminally enforceable, thereby changing the old definition of harassment that had been an impediment for some victims of stalking and sexual assault.

"During my more than 20 years as a prosecutor, I have often seen victims of harassment, stalking, or sexual abuse who are in fear for their safety and who often lack adequate protections against their abusers. In some instances, we have seen that lack of protections result in further attacks or even murder. I am pleased that the Legislature and the Governor have provided this as an option to further address the safety and security needs of these victims," said Attorney General Martha Coakley.

"We know that restraining orders save lives. This law will ensure that victims of stalking, sexual assault and harassment by strangers have an accessible, affordable option for protection," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Mary Beth Heffernan.

"Massachusetts has always been a leader in the fight against domestic violence, and today we continue to lead the way in protecting victims of harassment, stalking and violence," said Senator Harriette Chandler, lead sponsor of the bill in the Senate. "This act finally closes a loophole that left too many victims of harassment vulnerable to their assailants and open to further abuse. I'm proud of the widespread and ranging collaboration between law enforcement, victims, advocates and politicians that led to this common-sense bill, and am pleased to witness its long-awaited enactment."

"A large number of people from both sides of the aisle and from all different sectors came together to refine this sensitive and complex legislation," said Representative Cory Atkins, a lead co-sponsor of the bill in the House of Representatives. "I am proud of our collaborative efforts to expand restraining order law and provide much-needed protection for victims, and I thank everyone who made this possible."

"Ten years of hard work, determination and heartache have brought us to this moment," said Representative Peter Koutoujian, a lead co-sponsor of the bill in the House of Representatives. "It took the leadership and conviction of this Speaker, this Senate President and this Governor to ensure that all victims of stalking receive the fullest protection under the law."

"This new law recognizes that sexual assault, stalking and harassment are dangerous crimes," said Mary R. Lauby, Executive Director of Jane Doe Inc. "We've learned from years of advocacy and working with survivors that restraining orders are effective tools in the prevention of harassment and violence and that when victims are safe, they are better able and more likely to participate in criminal justice interventions that hold offenders accountable."

Earlier today, the Governor announced that the Patrick-Murray Administration has made available \$708,400 in federal funds to the Commonwealth's District Attorneys to target violent crimes against women, including domestic and dating violence, and sexual assault and stalking. The funds, from the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and other federal sources, were awarded through the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) to the state's 11 District Attorneys' offices.

PATRICK-MURRAY ADMINISTRATION RELEASES FUNDS TO FIGHT VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

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"As we see in tough fiscal times like these, levels of stress and aggravation rise and cities and towns all across the Commonwealth receive more calls for responses to domestic violence," said Governor Patrick. "These grants will help District Attorneys working with other law enforcement agencies maintain core victim services and more effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women."

"Law enforcement programs supporting victims of sexual assault and domestic violence are critical to ensure safety for residents across the Commonwealth," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy P. Murray, chair of the Governor's Council to Address Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. "Thanks to the support and advocacy of our congressional delegation, VAWA stimulus and other federal funds will further assist our administration's efforts to maintain and strengthen law enforcement and protection services that address violence against women during these challenging economic times."

Each District Attorney's office will receive grants of \$64,400 to develop and improve effective law enforcement strategies, advocacy and services addressing violent crimes against women. VAWA's Stop Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhancing advocacy and improving the criminal justice system's response through enhanced statewide collaboration efforts among law enforcement, prosecution, nonprofit, nongovernmental victim advocacy and service providers, and the courts.

"Violence against women disgusts me. As a young prosecutor, I saw firsthand its devastating effects. It impacts every aspect of a woman's life from her physical safety to her ability to earn a living to how she cares for her family. These investments will allow 11 District Attorney's offices to continue doing everything possible to put an end to this unacceptable violence," said Senator John Kerry.

"I have been a consistent and strong supporter of measures seeking to reduce violence against women in the United States and worldwide, and I am pleased the Commonwealth has directed these funds to District Attorneys to expand stalking prevention and victim support programs. I will continue to work with my colleagues to ensure women receive appropriate protections," said Congressman John Tierney.

"I am pleased that these grants - which will provide for greater resources to combat violence against women - have been awarded to District Attorney Offices in Massachusetts," said Congressman William

Delahunt, a former Norfolk County DA who established the first prosecutorial unit in the nation to combat domestic violence and provide services to victims. "These funds will help survivors who have the courage to end the cycle of abuse and will work towards preventing future violence."

"These federal funds are extremely important right now and will help our District Attorneys and law enforcement agencies address violence against women while providing services to assist survivors," said Congressman Stephen F. Lynch. "While many programs are suffering due to cuts in funding, I am very pleased that Governor Patrick is maintaining these critical domestic support services."

"We hope this funding furthers the mission by supporting their efforts and strengthening their law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Mary Beth Heffernan. "More services are desperately needed."

"The grant will provide welcome assistance in our continuing fight against domestic violence, and in helping victims," said Essex District Attorney Jonathan W. Blodgett.

"We are grateful for the additional funds from this grant. It will allow us to hire a much needed, specialized Domestic Violence prosecutor in the Wareham District Court. In 2009, the police departments in that area responded to over 420 domestic violence calls," said Plymouth District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz.

GOVERNOR PATRICK SIGNS BILL TO STRENGTHEN CHILD PROTECTION LAWS

New law closes loophole, bans dissemination of obscene materials to minors via electronic communications

BOSTON - April 13, 2010 - Governor Deval Patrick has signed legislation to include instant and text messages, email and other electronic communications in the existing law that prohibits sending obscene and harmful materials to minors. The bill, a version of which Governor Patrick filed in February, addresses a loophole in the current statutory scheme which covered only handwritten, printed, recorded or live performances and restricted photographs, magazines, movies and handwritten or printed materials. "This law addresses an obvious gap in current statute and helps us to better protect our young people," said Governor Patrick. "I thank the Legislature for their quick action on this commonsense measure."

"I am proud that the legislature and administration took action to ban the sending of profane electronic messages to minors and prohibit the assault and battery of correctional officers with a bodily fluid," House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo said. "This legislation will update our laws to protect our young people from dangerous, violating situations and give needed protection to the hardworking people in our houses of correction who work to ensure our security and the rehabilitation of our inmates."

The law responds to a recent decision by the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court which found that existing state laws do not prohibit the transmittal of

sexualized messages to minors via email and text messages. Individuals found in violation of this law are subject to up to five years incarceration or a fine of between \$1000-10,000 for a first offense, \$5,000-\$20,000 for a second offense, and \$10,000-30,000 for a third and subsequent offenses.

The measure also strengthens current law to protect employees of correctional facilities in the Commonwealth from assaults by inmates. Any inmate who commits an assault and battery with bodily fluids on an officer or other employee of a correctional facility will face an additional period of incarceration. The statute provides for two and a half years in the house of correction or 10 years in state prison. It also allows correctional officers who have been assaulted to file complaints against inmates directly with the courts, instead of seeking an indictment.

"Today, in one piece of legislation, we are protecting our Corrections Officers from horrible attacks and our children from predators over the internet and texting," said Senator Jim Timilty, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Public Safety Homeland Security.

"This bill will help protect the men and women who work in our correctional facilities. It sends a strong message to incarcerated individuals that assaulting a correctional officer, regardless of the method, will not be tolerated," said Representative Michael A. Costello, House Chair, Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

GOVERNOR PATRICK SIGNS LANDMARK ANTI-BULLYING LEGISLATION

Comprehensive bill strengthens efforts to keep Massachusetts students, schools safe

[View Photos from the signing](#)

BOSTON - Monday, May 3, 2010 - Governor Deval Patrick today signed anti-bullying legislation he strongly advocated for to strengthen efforts in schools to keep Massachusetts students safe. Passed by the Legislature last week, the comprehensive measure employs new strategies for adults, new supports for students and better communications among state agencies to prevent, report and effectively address issues related to bullying.

"As Governor and as a parent, I feel very strongly that no child should feel threatened or unsafe in our schools," said Governor Patrick. "Today, with this new law, we are giving our teachers, parents and kids the tools and protections they need so that every student has a chance to reach their full potential. I am proud to sign this bill and thank the Legislature for delivering on this critical priority."

"Students should have the ability to arrive at school ready to learn without distractions that prevent them from studying and participating in class," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. "It is encouraging to know that through this new law the Governor signed today, my two daughters and all children in the Commonwealth will be further protected in our schools as well as in the community and online."

The Governor signed the bill at a State House ceremony attended by members of the Governor's Youth Council, legislative and education leaders and advocates from the fields of education, public safety, health and human services and law enforcement. Specifically, the new law increases efforts to educate students about bullying including regulations on student handbooks and classroom instruction; institutes new rules and expectations for reporting incidents of bullying; provides new opportunities for training for all adults in schools on how to identify, prevent and manage incidents of bullying; and enhances efforts across state and local education, health and law enforcement agencies to build more collaboration to ensure the new efforts are effective.

"For our children to thrive, it is imperative that we provide them with a safe and secure learning environment," said Senate President Therese Murray. "Our goal with this legislation is to aid our schools in providing that environment, and give both students and parents peace of mind."

"This law will protect our children from bullying both during the school day and after school hours," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "No child need know the terror of a bully."

"This bill represents our strong belief that every school in the Commonwealth must be a place where children can feel safe and the threat of abuse, harassment, and bullying is not tolerated. This problem is not new, but in recent years the intensity of bullying and technological advances has heightened the

problem to the point where it can affect every aspect of a child's life. This bill gives school administrators, parents and students the tools and skills they need to ensure a safe learning environment in and out of our schools," said Senator Robert O'Leary, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education.

"Having spent many hours drafting this legislation, I am pleased it is now law, even as I decry the kinds of bullying behavior that makes it necessary. It is now up to parents and school leaders to ensure that the homes in which children are raised and the schools in which they are educated reinforce the message that bullying is wholly unacceptable," said Representative Marty Walz, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Education.

"Over the past few months, I've heard so many heartbreaking stories from constituents - both parents and children - who have strong concerns about bullying in our schools. This bill is a strong step towards ensuring that every child, in every school in the Commonwealth, feels safe coming to school, and that our schools have the tools they need to create a safe school climate and put a stop to bullying," said Senator Jamie Eldridge.

"Students and parents have a right to expect that schools will be a safe place, and this legislation provides a strong framework to address bullying when it occurs and to prevent bullying in every school across the Commonwealth. In fact, the mandated reporting requirements, anti-bullying curricula at all grade levels, and cyber-bullying components make this the most comprehensive and one of the strictest bills in the nation," said Representative John Scibak.

The law includes new reporting requirements for all school staff to fully and swiftly detail any instance of bullying or retaliation to the appropriate school official. Additionally, the measure directs the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) to establish statewide academic standards that include instruction in bullying prevention and requires schools statewide to provide age-appropriate instruction on bullying prevention.

Both public and private schools are now required to develop detailed bullying prevention, intervention and notification plans and to publish those plans in student handbooks. There is also a requirement that each school district will begin to provide targeted professional development to build the skills of all staff members in schools (including teachers, administrators, custodians, athletic coaches, bus drivers and others) to prevent, identify and respond appropriately to bullying incidents. ESE must provide school districts with a no-cost method for fulfilling this requirement.

Finally, the law extends beyond the classroom to include incidents that occur in the community and online bringing a new focus on so-called cyber-bullying and extending rules and penalties to apply to electronic and other communications.

In addition to the new rules, supports, opportunities and expectations established by the law, there is also a provision designating the fourth Wednesday in January as "No Name Calling Day" to increase public awareness of the devastating effects of verbal bullying, to encourage students to use positive dialogue and pledge not to use hurtful names on this designated day, and to promote tolerance and respect for differences across the Commonwealth.

"Now that the comprehensive anti-bullying legislation is law, it is imperative that we work together to bring all the stakeholders - parents, teachers, administration, legislators and especially students - to the table so that we will eliminate bullying from every corner of the Commonwealth," said Jose Rodrigues, Treasurer of Governor's Statewide Youth Council.

GOVERNOR PATRICK SIGNS BALLOT TRANSLATION BILL

Boston home-rule petition designed to expand voter participation

BOSTON- Saturday, July 31, 2010 - Governor Deval Patrick today signed into law legislation requiring the City of Boston to prepare ballots in Chinese and Vietnamese for all federal, state and local elections. The measure, a Boston home-rule petition, also calls for Chinese ballots to be transliterated by the Boston Board of Election Commissioners to include Chinese characters that represent the phonetic equivalent of the syllables of an English name.

"This law removes a language barrier that often discourages people from taking part in the electoral process," said Governor Patrick. "I am proud to sign this bill because I believe it will make it easier to vote and allow more of our citizens to actively in engage in their government."

The new law mandates these ballots in polling places in which there are 35 or more registered voters with Chinese surnames or 30 or more with Vietnamese surnames. The measure takes effect on January 1, 2011. Supporters of the law say it is needed to allow many elderly Asian-Americans who do not read English to participate in the voting process.

"Today we achieved a great victory as the Governor signed into law legislation to ensure equal voting rights for Asian-Americans-particularly elder Asian-Americans-in the City of Boston," said Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz, who represents Chinatown and sponsored the bilingual ballots bill in the Senate. "I want to thank the Governor for supporting the concerns of our residents so consistently. I also want to thank the members of the Coalition for Asian American Voting Rights for their incredible and long-running work on this bill, and the Mayor, the City Councillors, and my Senate co-sponsors of the bill, for all the support they've put behind it. It's taken a great team to bring the bill to where it is today."

"This bill is about civic engagement. I think that's what we're all trying to do here. This is one segment of the population that language is a barrier for them. This bill will allow them to participate to the fullest extent," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz, who joined the Governor and other advocates at the State House bill signing.

"For so many years, we Chinese-speaking voters went to countless hearings and demonstrations to call attention to our voting rights. We are thankful particularly to Sam Yoon, who championed this issue in the City, and to our Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz and Representative Aaron Michlewitz, and with the support of the Governor, that we now can go vote without having someone to go to the booth to translate for us," said Mr. Henry Yee of the Chinatown Resident Association.

GOVERNOR PATRICK SIGNS LEGISLATION TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

BOSTON - Wednesday, August 4, 2010 - In keeping with the Patrick-Murray Administration's commitment to support the Commonwealth's most vulnerable populations, Governor Deval Patrick today signed into law a bill that promotes dignity for individuals with developmental disabilities by replacing the words "mental retardation" with "intellectual disabilities or disability" in the Massachusetts General Laws. The legislation, "An Act Eliminating the Word 'Retardation' from the General Laws" (H4922), reflects the passionate work of advocates, particularly self-advocates with developmental disabilities, and follows last year's renaming of the Department of Developmental Services, which had previously been called the Department of Mental Retardation. A broad range of stakeholders believed that changing the name of the department was a key step in demonstrating respect for people with developmental disabilities and also better reflected the range of services and supports offered by the state.

"This important change reflects our commitment to promoting dignity and respect for people with disabilities," said Governor Patrick.

"The issue of supporting and caring for those with intellectual disabilities has always been near and dear to my heart," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "This bill is another great step towards fostering a more caring, respectful Commonwealth that values each and every member of our society."

The Patrick-Murray Administration has shown a long-standing commitment to facilitating independence for people with disabilities. In 2008, Governor Patrick announced the creation of the Commonwealth's first Olmstead Plan, a roadmap and action plan reflecting the Governor's commitment to ensuring that people with disabilities and elders have access to community-living opportunities and supports that address each individual's diverse needs, abilities and backgrounds. Massachusetts' plan is designed to maximize the extent to which people with disabilities and elders are able to live successfully in their homes and communities.

"This action marks another step towards ending the stigma associated with developmental disabilities. I am confident that Governor Patrick will continue his good work together with the Legislature to further ensure greater opportunities for those with developmental disabilities as well as supports for the families who provide and care for them," said Senator Gale D. Candaras, Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

"As Chair of the Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, I am so pleased that we are finally changing the way in which we identify those with an intellectual disability, particularly within our General Laws in the Commonwealth. I believe this is a step in the right direction, not only for those who have a disability, but for the general public to understand the harm that labels can cause," said Representative Kay Khan, House Chair of the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

"This has always been a civil right issues for me. With today's bill signing, we fulfill the promise we made when we changed the name of the Department of Mental Retardation to the Department of Developmental Services; a promise to treat all persons with intellectual disabilities with dignity and respect. Today's signing is a direct result of the tireless work self-advocates and families across the Commonwealth have done to end the use of the R-word," said Representative Tom Sannicandro, Vice Chair of the Committee on Children, Families, and Persons with Disabilities.

"The Arc applauds the Legislature and Governor Patrick for moving away from the outmoded term 'mental retardation,' said Leo Sarkissian, Executive Director of The Arc of Massachusetts. "Individuals with disabilities, family members and others find the term offensive and have cried out for a replacement for more than a decade. The change to 'intellectual disabilities' is responsive and consistent with national trends."

GOVERNOR PATRICK ANNOUNCES STRONG MCAS IMPROVEMENT

Tenth graders scoring Proficient or Higher has nearly doubled since 2001; African American & Latino Students Also Make Great Gains



(Photo credit: Matt Bennett/Governor's Office). [View additional photos.](#)

REVERE -- Tuesday, September 7, 2010 -- Governor Deval Patrick was joined today by state education and local officials to announce that the number of tenth graders who scored Proficient or Higher on the English Language Arts (ELA) and Math MCAS exams has nearly doubled since the first year the state's graduation requirement was enforced. In addition, MCAS results showed that for the first time ever, more than half of all seventh and eighth graders statewide scored Proficient or Higher in Math.

According to 2010 MCAS results released at the Beachmont Veteran's Memorial School in Revere, more than 48,200 students in the class of 2012 scored Proficient or Higher on their first try, nearly twice the number of tenth graders who did so in 2001, when the state's Competency Determination requirement was first implemented for the class of 2003. Additionally, the percentage of third graders reading and doing math proficiently increased by six points in ELA and five points in math.

"I am very proud of the hard work and achievement of our students and teachers," said Governor Patrick. "The gains exhibited at all grades demonstrate that when we focus efforts on early literacy and providing

schools with the tools they need, all students will improve and progress will be made in closing achievement gaps."

"Our students and our schools continue to prove that high standards and high expectations combined with the right resources for all students creates a winning formula for success," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. "Congratulations to students, educators and parents for their hard work and persistence."

Since last year, African American students have narrowed the achievement gap with white students slightly in ELA at grades 3, 5 and 7, and in Math at grades 3, 7, 8 and 10. Hispanic/Latino students have narrowed the gap with white students in ELA at grades 3, 5, 6, 7 and 10, and in Math at grades 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10.

Statewide, the percent of third grade students scoring Proficient or Higher increased by six percentage points in Reading (from 57 percent in 2009 to 63 percent in 2010) and by five percentage points in Math (from 60 percent to 65 percent). Highlighting that progress were seven point gains made by African American students in both subjects, and a six point gain by Hispanic/Latino students in ELA and a seven point gain in Math.

The class of 2012 is the third required to pass the Science, Technology and Engineering (STE) exam in addition to ELA and math to meet the state's graduation requirement. Eighty-six percent of students in the class of 2012 met the testing requirement in all three subjects on their first attempt, higher than the first attempt rates for the classes of 2010 (80 percent) and 2011 (83 percent).

"Our students and their teachers continue to rise to the challenge and achieve at higher levels," said Education Secretary Paul Reville. "We will continue to increase our expectations for student performance and our support for teachers to ensure all students access high quality instruction."

"I am pleased to see that our students, particularly at grade 3 and in middle school, continue to make strong improvements in ELA and Math," said Education Commissioner Mitchell Chester. "But our work is not finished, and closing gaps in achievement remains a top priority. We are committed to providing schools with the resources and supports they need to ensure that every child receives a world-class education and that every classroom is led by a highly skilled, effective teacher.

Students at grades 6 and 7 made two- to four-point gains in both subjects, while eighth graders improved by three points in Math. Statewide, 53 percent of grade 7 students scored Proficient or Higher in Math in 2010, up from 49 percent last year. At grade 8, 51 percent of students scored Proficient or Higher in Math, up from 48 percent.

Ninety-three percent of this year's senior class (class of 2011) have met the minimum testing requirement by scoring Needs Improvement or Higher in ELA, Math and STE by the end of eleventh grade. Of this total, achievement gaps persist among student groups: just 54 percent of limited English proficient students and 73 percent of special education students in this year's senior class have scored Needs Improvement or Higher on all three tests.

Statewide results include:

- Students made two- to six-point gains in the percent scoring Proficient or Higher in ELA in grades 3, 6, and 7, one- to five-points gains in Math at grades 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8; and one- to four-point gains in STE at grades 5, 8 and high school.
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- Students from most subgroups in the class of 2012 made gains in the percent who earned a passing score of 220 or higher on all three grade 10 tests (ELA, Math, STE) after their first attempt: 70 percent of African American students, up from 66 percent; 66 percent of Hispanic/Latino students, up from 62 percent; 91 percent of white students, up from 90 percent; 58 percent of students with disabilities, up from 55 percent; 37 percent of limited English proficient students, up from 35 percent; and 72 percent of low income students, up from 68 percent.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) was first administered in 1998 as a key part of the state's landmark Education Reform Act of 1993. Students in the graduating class of 2003 were the first required to pass the ELA and Math exams to earn a high school diploma. The STE exam was added to the graduation requirement beginning with the class of 2010.

District and school results from the 2010 MCAS results are still being compiled and will be released publicly later this month. For more information on the MCAS exam or to view the full statewide report, visit www.doe.mass.edu/mcas.

GOVERNOR PATRICK CELEBRATES PROGRESS ON GREENWAY'S ARMENIAN HERITAGE PARK

A Tribute to Armenian Heritage, Massachusetts Immigrant History to be Located on Parcel 13



(Photo credit: Matt Bennett/Governor's Office). [View additional photos.](#)

BOSTON - Thursday, September 9, 2010 - Governor Deval Patrick today joined His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of All Armenians, Armenian-American citizens and City and Commonwealth officials in celebrating the planned Armenian Heritage Park for the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway.

The Armenian Heritage Park will be located on Parcel 13 of the Greenway between Faneuil Hall and Christopher Columbus Park. The \$2.2 million park construction project advertised for bid this month will be overseen by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and funded entirely by the Armenian Heritage Foundation. The Foundation will have permanent responsibility for Heritage Park maintenance.

"I am honored to join His Holiness Karekin II to celebrate what will be a beautiful addition to the Greenway as well as a testament to the heritage of Armenian-Americans and Massachusetts' larger immigrant history," said Governor Patrick.

"This park celebrates the distinctive history of the City of Boston and the generations of immigrants who have made Boston the wonderfully diverse community it is today," said Mayor Thomas M. Menino. "It will add to the beauty and vitality of the Rose Kennedy Greenway for future generations of Boston residents

and visitors to enjoy."

The Park will consist of two prominent features: a metal, twelve-sided sculpture mounted in a reflecting pool on raised granite and a circular lawn panel 75 feet in diameter with a fountain at its center. The sculpture is in two pieces and will be reconfigured annually. The circular lawn panel is bordered by a granite walkway, seat-walls, and benches. The park will also include shade and ornamental trees, shrubs, groundcovers, perennials, and bulbs intended to provide seasonal interest, shade, and a buffer for park users from the adjacent street traffic.

"We appreciate the collaboration of the Armenian Heritage Foundation and the North End community in their efforts to create additional beauty in the heart of the City," said Senator Anthony Petrucci. "The Park will help provide a perpetual gathering place for visitors, residents and lecturers."

"With today's groundbreaking the Commonwealth moves one step closer to fulfilling the promise of the Rose Kennedy Greenway as an active and vibrant part of the City," said Representative Aaron Michlewitz. "I welcome the Armenian community to the North End and look forward to a great relationship with them in the future."

"This day has been 10 years in the making," said Representative Peter Koutoujian. "It is a proud day for the Armenian-American community and one we are eager to share with the people of the Commonwealth and the world."

"We can all be very grateful to the Armenian-American community of Massachusetts for this tremendously meaningful addition to the Greenway. It will be an inclusive space for residents and visitors to commemorate the Armenian Genocide and all other genocides, and to celebrate the immigrant experience and its contribution to our Commonwealth," said Representative Jonathan Hecht.

Park construction is expected to be completed within 12 months.

GOVERNOR PATRICK ANNOUNCES NOMINATION OF ESTEEMED JURIST AS CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT



Governor Patrick today announced the nomination of Justice Roderick L. Ireland as Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

BOSTON - Thursday, November 4, 2010 - Governor Deval Patrick today announced the nomination of Senior Associate Justice Roderick L. Ireland to serve as Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Justice Ireland, a highly regarded Associate Justice of the SJC and former Appeals Court and Juvenile Court judge, is slated to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall. If confirmed, Justice Ireland will be the first African American and person of color to serve as Chief Justice of the SJC.

"Justice Ireland is one of Massachusetts' wisest and most experienced jurists and there is no one better suited to lead the Court and the judicial branch at this unique moment in our history," said Governor Patrick. "I am convinced Justice Ireland will move the Supreme Judicial Court forward in the same proud tradition as his predecessor Chief Justice Marshall."

Justice Ireland has served the Commonwealth as a member of the judiciary for over three decades, beginning with his 1977 appointment to the Boston Juvenile Court. After thirteen years on the Juvenile

Court, he became an Associate Justice of the Appeals Court in 1990. In 1997, Governor William F. Weld nominated him to the Supreme Judicial Court, where he became the first African American to serve that distinguished court in its more than 300 year history.

Justice Ireland's extensive legal career prior to joining the bench includes experience as a legal services staff attorney in New York City, a staff attorney for the Harvard Center for Law and Education, an attorney and Executive Director of the Roxbury Defenders Committee, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration and Finance, and Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Appeal on Motor Vehicle Liability Policies and Bonds. He has taught courses in law and criminal justice for over 30 years, and has been recognized by many organizations for his judicial excellence and service. Justice Ireland is a graduate of Lincoln University (BA, 1966), Columbia Law School (JD, 1969), Harvard University Law School (LLM, 1975), and Northeastern University: Law, Policy and Society Program (PhD, 1998). He is a Springfield native and currently resides in Milton.

Justice Ireland is Governor Patrick's third nomination to the state's highest court, following his 2007 nomination of Justice Margot G. Botsford and his 2008 nomination of Justice Ralph D. Gants.

GOVERNOR PATRICK SWEARS IN NEW CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT



Yesterday, Governor Patrick swore in [Roderick L. Ireland](#) as Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. (Photo Credit: Matt Bennett/Governor's Press Office)

BOSTON - Monday, December 20, 2010 - Governor Deval Patrick today swore in Senior Associate Justice Roderick L. Ireland as the new Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Justice Ireland is the first person of color to lead the Supreme Judicial Court and the Judiciary, the third branch of government, and fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall.

"This is a momentous and historic occasion for our Commonwealth, and I am confident that Justice Ireland's tenure as Chief Justice will reflect the strengths he has brought to the bench for three decades - sharp intellect, sound judgment, and proven fairness," said Governor Deval Patrick.

A native of Springfield, Massachusetts, Justice Ireland has given a lifetime to public service. He has served the Commonwealth as a member of the judiciary for over three decades, beginning with his 1977 appointment to the Boston Juvenile Court. After thirteen years on the Juvenile Court, he became an Associate Justice of the Appeals Court in 1990. In 1997, Governor William F. Weld nominated him to the Supreme Judicial Court, where he became the first person of color to serve that distinguished court in its more than 300 year history.

Justice Ireland's extensive legal career prior to joining the bench includes experience as a legal services staff attorney in New York City, a staff attorney for the Harvard Center for Law and Education, an attorney and Executive Director of the Roxbury Defenders Committee, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration and Finance, and Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Appeal on Motor Vehicle Liability Policies and Bonds. He has taught courses in law and criminal justice for over 30 years, and has been recognized by many organizations for his judicial excellence and service. Justice Ireland is a graduate of Lincoln University (BA, 1966), Columbia Law School (JD, 1969), Harvard University Law School (LLM, 1975), and Northeastern University: Law, Policy and Society Program (PhD, 1998).

During today's ceremony, Governor Patrick also thanked retired Chief Justice Marshall for her leadership, her diligence, her vision and her devotion to the Commonwealth's judicial system. Justice Ireland will carry on her work and continue to move the judiciary and the people it serves forward into the 21st Century.

Justice Ireland is Governor Patrick's third appointment to the state's highest court, following his prior appointments of Justice Margot G. Botsford and Justice Ralph D. Gants.

GOVERNOR PATRICK ANNOUNCES NOMINATION OF HIGHLY RESPECTED JURIST AS ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

BOSTON - Tuesday, December 21, 2010 - Governor Deval L. Patrick today announced the nomination of Appeals Court Justice Fernande R.V. ("Nan") Duffly to serve as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Justice Duffly, a highly respected Associate Justice of the Appeals Court and former Probate and Family Court judge, is slated to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of Roderick L. Ireland as Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

"I am honored to nominate Judge Duffly to our highest court," said Governor Patrick. "She brings a wealth of legal and life experience, and an extraordinary dedication to the Commonwealth's judicial system and the people it serves."

Justice Duffly has served the Commonwealth as a member of the judiciary for eighteen years, beginning with her 1992 appointment to the Probate and Family Court. She joined the Appeals Court as an Associate Justice in 2000. From 1978 to 1992, Justice Duffly was a litigation attorney at the Boston firm of Warner & Stackpole (now K & L Gates LLP). She has an extensive track record of public interest work, with a strong commitment to *pro bono* matters during her years in private practice and many activities as a judge aimed at increasing diversity on the bench and improving access to justice for vulnerable populations.

Justice Duffly currently serves as a Commissioner on the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession and is a member and past president of the National Association of Women Judges. She has served on the Boston Bar Association's committees on *pro se* litigation and attorney volunteerism; the Probate and Family Court's committee on *pro se* access to the courts; the American Bar Association's subcommittee on representation of children; and the Supreme Judicial Court's Standing Committee on substance abuse. Justice Duffly has written articles and taught seminars on a wide range of topics, including appellate decision-making, family law, trusts, parental rights, and ethnic and racial bias. She received the 2009 Boston Bar Association Citation of Judicial Excellence. Other honors include: 2008 induction into Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly/Women's Bar Association Women of Justice; 2007 Trailblazer Award from the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association; 2004 Distinguished Jurist Award from the Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers; and 2000 Distinguished Service Award from the Probate Judges Association.

Justice Duffly is a graduate of the University of Connecticut (B.A., Highest Honors, 1973) and Harvard Law School (J.D., 1978). She was born in Indonesia and immigrated to the United States with her family at the age of six. She is a resident of Cambridge. She is Governor Patrick's fourth nomination to the state's highest court, following his 2007 nomination of Justice Margot G. Botsford, his 2008 nomination of Justice Ralph D. Gants and his recent nomination of Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland.

GOVERNOR PATRICK ANNOUNCES NOMINATION OF RESPECTED JURIST AS ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

BOSTON - Monday, April 4, 2011 - Governor Deval L. Patrick today announced the nomination of Appeals Court Justice Barbara A. Lenk to serve as an Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC). Justice Lenk, the senior Associate Justice on the Appeals Court and a former Superior Court judge, is slated to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Judith A. Cowin.

"I am honored to nominate Justice Lenk to the Supreme Judicial Court," said Governor Patrick. "She is a brilliant and thoughtful jurist, with a deep sense of justice. Justice Lenk will continue to make extraordinary contributions to the Commonwealth and our judicial system as a member of our highest court."

Justice Lenk has served the Commonwealth as a member of the judiciary for over 17 years, beginning with her 1993 appointment to the Superior Court. She joined the Appeals Court as an Associate Justice in 1995. From 1979 to 1993, Justice Lenk was a civil litigator at the Boston firm of Brown Rudnick Freed & Gesmer, where she was a partner and member of the Executive Committee for six years. Justice Lenk has been a leader in many professional and community activities, including serving as co-president of the Boston Inn of Court, chair of the Massachusetts Appeals Court Personnel Committee and a member of several other court management committees. She is a member of the Board of Trustees and chair of the Academic Affairs Committee at Western New England College. Justice Lenk is currently the vice president for Adult Education and member of the Board of Directors for Congregation Kerem Shalom in Concord. She is a frequent lecturer and panelist on legal matters, and is a former Chair of the Board of Editors of the Boston Bar Journal.

Justice Lenk is a graduate of Harvard Law School (J.D., 1979), Yale University (Ph.D., 1978) and Fordham University (B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1972). She is a resident of Carlisle, Massachusetts. Justice Lenk is Governor Patrick's fifth nomination to the state's highest court, following the nominations of Justice Margot G. Botsford (2007), Justice Ralph D. Gants (2008), Chief Justice Roderick L. Ireland (2010) and Justice Fernande R. V. Duffly (2010).

7.25.11 State of Black Boston

Governor Deval L. Patrick

"State of Black Boston" Conference

Hynes Convention Center, Boston

Monday, July 25, 2011

Thank you very much, thank you so much Darnell for your friendship, your leadership, and your reminder that I have to keep an eye on the time over here - I notice that I am the first person brought to the podium to whom that was pointed out . So I will try to be brief. I want to welcome back to Boston Mark Morial, Mark thank you for your leadership. I want to tell you on behalf of all of us in the Commonwealth how excited we are that the National Urban League Conference is coming right here to Boston this year. It's a very different Boston than the last time we were here back in 1976, so I want to welcome you back.

Back in 1976 I was a junior in college here, and I came to Massachusetts in 1970 from the South Side of Chicago, which I think most everybody here knows. When I first came here to go to Milton Academy, that to me was like landing on a different planet. The campus was a relatively safe and comfortable place to be, friendly enough, but you never knew then what you were going to get when you went off-campus. The city, between 1970 and really including up to 1976 was totally engrossed, involved, and riveted over the question of public school busing. Today, Boston is smarter, more diverse, younger, more dynamic, prettier in many respects. There are places that my niece and her pals hang out in the city that were just totally off-limits back in 1976. Heck, in a state with six point six percent of the population who are African-American, we even have a black governor, the first in Massachusetts. And the first in America ever re-elected.

But you know what, some of the things you get in these jobs, the most interesting introductions, people often exaggerate your accomplishments and so on, as part of the public life I guess, but the most touching and in some ways provocative introduction I was ever given was by Governor Wilder, who was the first African-American elected as a governor of a state in the United States. He said to me, in the beginning of the introduction, "You know, people always point out how I'm the first." He said being the first doesn't mean a thing unless there's a second. Doesn't mean a thing. The important part is that we owe a generational responsibility to do what we can, to leave things better for those who come behind. It can't be just about our own accomplishments, our own goals, but what moments, what accomplishments do we enable for the next generation. And that's why the cause that we have been focusing on, our generational responsibility, that's why we get it, that's why Massachusetts is number one in the nation in student achievement, in the top ten in the world in math and science, that's why today we are number one in

health care with over ninety-eight percent of our residents insured, ninety-nine point eight percent of children, it's why we're number one in the nation in investitures and clean energy initiatives, it's why we're growing jobs faster than forty-six other states, it's why our state's GDP is growing twice as fast as the national growth rate, it's why for the first time in twenty years young people and families are moving into the Commonwealth faster than they're moving out.

None of that is happening by accident: we're getting those results because we have a strategy. It isn't just about how we trim government, cut programs; we don't beat up on unions as some in other places do and then wait and hope that that'll start to talk. We are driving to a better place through a strategy based on education, innovation, and infrastructure. Education because it's our calling-card around the world: it's what we are best known for, it's our national resource. Our well-educated work force, our reverence for intellectual capacity. And so we have invested in the public schools at the highest levels in the history of the Commonwealth ever single year since I've been in office, even when the bottom was falling out of everything else.

There are hands-full of industries that depend on a highly-educated work force. Innovation industry, like the life sciences and biotech, like clean energy where we've seen a sixty percent growth rate in the last few years, again during the worst economy in living memory. And because we are making more of the things we are inventing here in Massachusetts, precision manufacturing is coming back. So education, then innovation, and finally infrastructure. The unglamorous work of governing but essential to everything else: it's the black mark for future growth, and it's creating jobs right now. Roads, rail, bridges, draw bridge expansion, public and affordable housing investments, building up our public college and university campuses again. As I say, the unglamorous work of government, but it has been neglected for a very, very long time and we're trying to turn that around.

We're doing everything we can while pursuing this strategy to make sure that everyone is a part of our renaissance. There's been a twenty-two percent increase in state procurement with minority-owned businesses; ten percent of managers in state government are now minorities; new tools now through legislation and new resources through the Race for the Top, to reach the kids who are stuck in the achievement gap in schools all across the Commonwealth: poor children, children with special needs, or who speak English as a second language. A disproportionate number of whom are children of color. You know that it's educational and economic issue to have an achievement gap at all. But to let it go to be eighteen years we have us a moral question, those are our children too. And now we have the tools to be able to reach those children as well.

We have a lot more work to do. But there's a framework for that work. It is with that generational responsibility, and it's about understanding our role in the community. When I was growing up on the

South Side of Chicago as I have told many of you in this room before, it was a time when every child was under the jurisdiction of every single adult on the block. You messed up down the street in front of Mrs. Jones', she would straighten you out as if you were hers and then call home, so you'd get it two times. What those adults would try to get across to us was that they had a stake in us, and that membership in a community is understanding the stake that each of us has, not just in our own dreams and our own struggles but in our neighbors' as well. If we keep that sense of community alive, if we make it an integral part of the work we are doing at the practical policy level in government and with the private sector, and between is the best of government, I'm confident our best days are ahead. God bless you all and thank you for the work you do.

GOVERNOR PATRICK SIGNS ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING LEGISLATION

Drastically increases punishment for offenders, protection for victims



Governor Patrick joins Attorney General Martha Coakley, House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel Conley and others at the bill signing. (Photo: Eric Haynes/Governor's Office)

BOSTON – Monday, November 21, 2011 – Governor Deval Patrick today signed into law H. 3808, “An Act Relative to the Commercial Exploitation of People,” which strengthens protections for victims of human trafficking and prostitution and increases the punishment for offenders by carrying a potential life sentence for traffickers of children.

“I thank the legislature and the Attorney General for making this critical legislation a priority this session,” said Governor Patrick. “I am proud to sign into law this bill that will protect innocent victims and give Massachusetts the tools to prosecute the criminals committing these egregious crimes to the fullest extent.

“Human trafficking is a real issue, impacting innocent children, women and men across the

Commonwealth,” said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray, Chair of the Governor’s Council to Address Sexual and Domestic Violence. “We thank the state legislature, Attorney General Coakley, advocates and other stakeholders who made their voices heard on behalf of victims exploited by these horrific acts.”

With the Governor’s signature, the legislation establishes the state crime of human trafficking for sexual servitude. Defined as intentionally subjecting, enticing, harboring, transporting or delivering another with the intent that the person engage in sexually explicit performance, production of pornography or sexual conduct for a fee or benefiting from sexual conduct of another, human trafficking for sexual servitude is now punishable by a mandatory-minimum term of five years, with a potential maximum sentence of up to 20 years, and a fine of up to \$25,000. Human trafficking for sexual servitude involving a victim under 18 carries a potential maximum sentence of life in prison. A business entity convicted of human trafficking for sexual servitude may be fined up to \$1 million.

“Today, we take a major step toward ending the exploitation of children and other victims in our Commonwealth,” said Attorney General Coakley. “As it should now be clear, these crimes aren’t only occurring in other countries and other states, but right in our own communities. I want to thank Governor Patrick for signing this bill into law to give us the tools to combat these egregious crimes while offering critical services to victims. I would also like to thank Senator Montigny and Chairman O’Flaherty for sponsoring this bill. Finally, I want to thank the many survivors of human trafficking who shared their personal stories to help other victims---their voices helped this new law become a reality.”

In response to the growing use of the internet as a human trafficking tool, the legislation will establish enticing a child to engage in prostitution, human trafficking or commercial sexual activity by electronic communication a crime, punishable by up to five years in state prison or a fine of \$2,500 or both. A second or subsequent offense is subject to a mandatory five-year sentence and a fine of not less than \$10,000.

The legislation requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to provide comprehensive services to all victims of child sexual exploitation, including state-funded social and legal services.

“This legislation gives the Commonwealth vital tools to assist victims of trafficking,” said Secretary of Health and Human Services Dr. JudyAnn Bigby. “With the Governor’s signature today, the Department of Children and Families will provide comprehensive services that will protect and support people who are sexually exploited, including children.”

The legislation requires DCF to provide an advocate who would accompany a sexually exploited child to all court appearances. The bill allows the DCF Commissioner, subject to appropriation, to contract with non-governmental organizations with experience working with sexually exploited children to provide training to law enforcement, in order to assist the police and prosecutors in interacting with and obtaining services for sexually exploited children.

“With this bill, the Commonwealth is taking another important step in ensuring the safety of our children,” said DCF Commissioner McClain. “It is incumbent upon all of us to protect and care for these victims of exploitation. The Department of Children and Families is proud to offer comprehensive services, support,

and advocacy for these children and youth.”

The legislation also amends the definition of a "Child in Need of Services" to include a sexually exploited child, and it allows for the "safe harbor" of sexually exploited children from prosecution for certain sex crimes. The court with jurisdiction over the case can require the child to comply with services in exchange for non-prosecution.

“If you’re going to engage in the unthinkable exploitation of children and other people, you’re going to pay the price,” said Senate President Therese Murray. “This legislation lays out serious punishments to help prevent human trafficking. It is the result of a lot of good work from human rights advocates, the legislature, especially Senator Montigny who has put in so much time and effort, and the attorney general. Massachusetts was one of only a few states without such a law, and I’m glad we got it done.”

The legislation will create a Victims of Human Trafficking Trust fund, funded from assets seized and forfeited from the crimes established under the bill, and allows DCF to apply to the victim and witness assistance board for grants from the Trust Fund to provide services to the victims.

“As legislators, it is a priority to ensure the safety of people across the Commonwealth – especially those who are most vulnerable,” said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. “No one should have to experience the utter horror of being sold into a life of exploitation; it is simply unjust. This anti-human trafficking legislation will sharpen law enforcement’s ability to take action on instances of this despicable practice in Massachusetts.”

The legislation also targets the new crime of organ trafficking. Recruiting, enticing, harboring, transporting, delivering or obtaining by any means another person with the intent to have an organ or body part removed for sale or benefiting from organ trafficking – is punishable by up to 15 years in state prison or a fine of \$50,000 or both. Organ trafficking involving a child under 18 is punishable by a mandatory sentence of five years.

“This is the most important piece of legislation I have passed since joining the Senate,” said Senator Mark Montigny, author of the legislation. “I filed the original bill six years ago. During this time I have continually fought for a bill that would protect victims and survivors of this horrific crime. While the wait has been frustrating, at least we can say to those who have been wronged that a great bill has finally been passed, which is going to make a difference. We cannot repair the spirits that have been broken, but we can provide services for those victims that need help recovering, and prosecute the traffickers to the fullest extent of the law.”

“Passing this bill into law will move our Commonwealth to the forefront of the fight against the horrors of human trafficking,” said Senator Bruce Tarr. “Now we will have modern and effective tools to confront the people who profit from enslaving others.”

Finally, the legislation will create an interagency task force, chaired by the Attorney General, to address all aspects of human trafficking, including sex and labor trafficking. The 19-member interagency task force will address all aspects of human trafficking. The task force includes the Secretary of Public Safety and the Colonel of the State Police, two police and one district attorney representative, representatives from

several other state agencies, and eight gubernatorial appointees representing various areas of expertise or interest groups.

"It is so sad that many people don't even realize this is happening right here in Massachusetts," said Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan. "I was very proud to have served on this vitally important conference committee. We are sending a very stern message with this legislation that this type of activity will not be tolerated. Again, I am so proud of the Legislature for acting on this bill and for sending it to the Governor."

"Human trafficking is an insidious offense, and this new law will provide law enforcement with the tools they need to prosecute those who engage in and profit from it," said Senator Cynthia Creem. "I am also very pleased that the law will offer 'safe harbor' and social services to child-prostitutes, recognizing that they are victims – not criminals."

"I am so thrilled this urgent and important piece of legislation has been signed into law," said Representative Sheila Harrington. "As a conference committee, we worked hard so that this bill would ensure the protection of the people of the commonwealth against these criminals."

"I hope that this legislation will help us put a stop to the horrendous industry of human trafficking, and that it will provide pathways to a better life for those of our youth that have been compelled and lured into being commercially sexually exploited," said Representative Liz Malia.

"Massachusetts now has the most comprehensive human trafficking laws in the country," said Representative Eugene L. O'Flaherty. "This bill gives law enforcement and prosecutors the tools they need to combat this issue that is often hidden from society and provides victims, particularly young children, with the safety and services they need to get their lives in order. The Legislature has no sympathy for those who prey upon others and these individuals will face harsh penalties and sex offender registration requirements."

GOVERNOR PATRICK SIGNS TRANSGENDER EQUAL RIGHTS BILL



Governor Patrick joins advocates and legislators for a ceremonial bill signing of H.3810, “An Act Relative to Gender Identity.” (Photo: Eric Haynes/Governor’s Office). View additional [photos](#).

BOSTON - Wednesday, November 23, 2011 – Governor Deval Patrick today signed H.3810, “An Act Relative To Gender Identity,” historic legislation to legally protect transgender individuals from discrimination in housing, education, employment and credit. The new law, signed at the State House today, also provides additional civil rights and protections from hate crimes.

“No individual should face discrimination because of who they are,” said Governor Patrick. “This legislation gives Massachusetts the necessary tools to stop hate crimes against transgender people and to treat others fairly. I am proud to sign it.”

“Massachusetts strives to be an inclusive Commonwealth, and this new law acknowledges that discrimination against any person will not be tolerated,” said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray.

The transgender equal rights law will make Massachusetts the 16th state to treat transgender citizens as a protected class. The law modifies language in Massachusetts statute to protect all individuals from discrimination, regardless of gender identities. This change will create equal protections for transgender

individuals seeking employment, housing, credit and education. There are approximately 33,000 transgender residents living in Massachusetts.

The new law will also increase the state's ability to prosecute criminal conduct in the form of hate crimes against transgender individuals, a community that has historically experienced disproportionate levels of harassment and violence.

"Today is another step toward ensuring equal protections for all citizens and eradicating discrimination in our Commonwealth," said Attorney General Martha Coakley. "For too long, transgender people have suffered in silence in seeking employment, safe housing and educational opportunities. With the signing of this bill, Massachusetts has created a better, and fairer, future for all residents, regardless of their gender identity or expression."

"This bill provides protection in employment, housing, credit and education to transgender people," said House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo. "I am proud that Governor Patrick is supporting this important civil rights milestone."

"This bill is about making sure that our anti-discrimination and civil rights laws protect all victims," said Senator Benjamin B. Downing. "For too long the 33,000 transgender residents in Massachusetts have gone without these protections. Thanks to this step that will no longer be the case."

"The passage of this bill is going to make an immediate difference in the lives of the state's transgender residents, who desperately need anti-discrimination protections in housing and employment. I have been so moved by the courage of constituents who've shared their stories with lawmakers and shown the critical need for these civil rights protections," said Representative Carl Sciortino. "I am incredibly grateful for the leadership shown by Governor Deval Patrick and House Speaker Robert DeLeo, both early supporters of the bill, as well as that of House Judiciary Chair Eugene O'Flaherty and my fellow House sponsor State Representative Byron Rushing. And, of course, I am grateful to all of my colleagues who voted for passage of this important legislation. With the passage of this legislation, we have taken an important step forward in making Massachusetts a better place for all of its residents."

"Governor Patrick has been a powerful, eloquent and determined champion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender equality, and we applaud him for signing the Transgender Equal Rights Bill. Leading up to today's signing, Governor Patrick's campaign platform called for transgender equality; he transformed our state government in the early days of his second term with an executive order prohibiting anti-transgender discrimination in state hiring practices; and he used his leadership post to speak out early, often and everywhere about the need for justice and equality for everyone in our Commonwealth, including our transgender community members," said MassEquality Executive Director Kara Suffredini. "We are grateful for Governor Patrick's latest action in a long-standing effort to create a Commonwealth where all hardworking people, including transgender people, have the opportunity to make a living, put a roof over their heads and get an education without fear of being discriminated against simply because of who they are."

"I greatly appreciate Governor Patrick's leadership and commitment to transgender youth, adults and their

families in being treated fairly and equally in this state by his swift signing of this bill,” said Gunner Scott, executive director of the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition. “This law will make a significant difference in the lives of transgender youth and adults across the state who need jobs, a safe place to live and a quality education.”

1.19.12 Gender Identity Ceremonial Bill Signing

Deval L. Patrick

Gender Identity Ceremonial Bill Signing

Senate Reading Room, State House

Thursday, January 19, 2012

Welcome to the State House, your house. I'm proud that you're here. And look what you did. Look what you did. This is what comes from turning to each other rather than on each other.

I'd like to thank Senate President Therese Murray, Speaker of the House Bob Deleo, and the members of the legislature, the constitutional officers who are here today, each of whom showed what for you may seem like a simple gesture of grace, but was in fact also an act of political courage. And I want to acknowledge and thank all of them.

Today would not be possible without the work of the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition made up, as you know, of MassEquality, GLAD, the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus, and so many others. All of you embodying that coming together. I want to thank you all for being a symbol of strength, a force to be reckoned with. Remember that because this isn't the last fight. Thank you for being a reminder of the unfinished business in the department of doing right here in the Commonwealth.

I am proud to be here today to celebrate An Act Relative to Gender Identity. This act will extend critical protections, as you all well know, to transgender residents seeking housing, employment, education and protection from hate crimes.

I sign this bill as a matter of conscience. No individual should face discrimination because of who they are. And for that reason, this legislation is an achievement, not only for transgender people, but for all of those who stand up for and care about respect for basic human dignity.

I sincerely want to thank you. I want to thank you for helping to get this bill turned from an idea into law. I want to thank you for being an example for what it means when people decide to make advocacy personal. When they decide that you do in fact have all the power you need to make all the change you want if you work together. That's an enormously important reminder to those of us who work for you in public service.

God bless you all and congratulations.

6.20.12 GLBT Youth Commission Hearing

Governor Deval L. Patrick

GLBT Hearing - As Delivered

Gardner Auditorium, State House

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Good afternoon everyone. Thank you to the presiding chair, all the members of the Commission, the members of the legislature, and the Administration who are here. I thank you for inviting me to testify this afternoon. I want to thank the Commission for your service, each and every one of you; you're an important partner of our Administration's and the work that we do to assure that all young people have the chance to thrive.

We are proud to be home to the very first Commission of this kind anywhere in America, you should be proud of that too. And I want to thank you, all of you current members representing twenty years of service, for those who have served on the GLBT commission.

My Administration is committed to working with the Commission to support GLBT youth. In 2010, with the support of the legislature, we enacted a landmark anti-bullying law to empower and educate students and make schools safer. Last year we launched a Safe and Successful Youth Initiative under Secretary Anderson Chase to work with specific communities affected by high levels of violence to ensure better services and the resources to respond.

Earlier this year, we signed the Gender Identity Bill to extend critical protections to transgender residents, in housing, employment, education and protection from hate crimes. We are working to assure equal accommodations for transgender students in schools and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has moved swiftly to amend regulations to protect all students regardless of their gender identity and expression. We have developed a number of community based programs at the Department of Public Health to provide support and guidance for at risk GLBT youth.

We do what we do, as a matter of conscious. It is not politics. It is not abstract policy. It is about people. No individual should face discrimination and mistreatment because of who they are. Our work is motivated by respect for basic human dignity.

I want to thank, in that spirit, Secretary Bigby and her team at the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and Secretary Reville and his team at the Executive Office of Education for the diligence and dedication they bring to these efforts.

They know as well as the Commission that there is a great deal more work to do. I understand that you heard from Secretary Bigby earlier today on some of the unique challenges that GLBT youth face. It troubles me that gay, lesbian and bisexual and transgender youth are more likely to experience bullying or violence in school. It troubles me that they have higher rates of substance abuse and attempted suicide. And it troubles me that still too many people see these issues as secondary or marginal. All young people, all young people, deserve the chance to feel welcome and supported in our schools and our communities. Yes, we have more work to do.

To the members of the GLBT community here today, I want you to know that we respect you, we support you, and we are here for you in each and every way that we can be.

In that spirit, we will continue to promote healthy environments for all youth. We will continue our efforts to end violence and bullying. We will continue to encourage safe spaces where young people can receive support from caring adults. We will continue to provide health education and services to meet the needs of the GLBT population and we will continue to affirm the dignity of every human being.

I look to this commission, to the GLBT community and to the citizens everywhere to help us do the right thing. Thank you all for bringing us together and I look forward to the Commission's forthcoming report.

10.11.12 Remarks at Empire State Pride Agenda's 2012 Fall Dinner

Governor Deval L. Patrick

Empire State Pride Agenda's 2012 Fall Dinner

Thursday, October 11, 2012

Sheraton Hotel and Towers, NYC

Thank you, Louis, for that warm introduction.

Thank you to Justin and Maura for hosting tonight.

And thank you to tonight's honoree Judith Light for your leadership, to be so deservedly recognized in just a minute.

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I want to thank you, too, for having me, but most especially for caring about the work of the Empire State Pride Agenda. I share your joy in the year's successes and your determination to win tomorrow's battles. But above all, I want to say a word about common cause.

I grew up on the South Side of Chicago in the fifties and sixties, most of the time on welfare. I lived with my mother and sister, and various other occasional relatives, in my grandparents' 2-bedroom tenement. My mother, sister and I shared one of those bedrooms and a set of bunk beds, so we'd rotate sleeping on the top bunk, the bottom bunk and the floor – every third night on the floor. I went to big, broken, segregated, overcrowded, sometimes violent public schools. I can't remember a time when I didn't love to read, but I don't remember owning a book of my own until 1970, when I was 14 years old, and won a scholarship to Milton Academy, a famed old boarding school outside of Boston.

There were a lot of things we didn't have in my old neighborhood. But one thing we did have was a community. That was a time when every child was under the jurisdiction of every single adult on the block. If you messed up in front of Mrs. Jones's down the street, she'd go upside your head as if you were hers -- and then call home, so you'd get it two times. Despite what so-called conservatives would have you think, there was a lot of emphasis on personal responsibility and hard work. But those adults also wanted us to understand that a community is about seeing your stake in your neighbors' dreams and struggles, as well your own.

I don't remember much talk about guys or gals being "out" – or even about being "in." Our struggles seemed to be about poverty and racism. But there was a sense that social justice was a matter of

common cause, that everybody had a stake in that.

When I was about 10 years old, the Supreme Court ruled in Loving v. Virginia, striking down laws that prohibited blacks and whites from marrying. It didn't touch me directly, but I remember understanding the decision was rooted in the principles of fairness and equality, and that even if that decision wasn't about my present choices, it was still about me. I came to understand that just as it took a community to help me rise from the South Side of Chicago to law school, to the executive ranks of Fortune 500 corporations, and to the Massachusetts State House, it took a community to win equality in that case and many more, to make America better.

These lessons and experiences have helped shape my approach to governing. I believe that government can be a powerful community if it chooses to be, and that it is the job of those of us who serve to actually care about the people we serve. I understand that the struggles of the LGBTQ community are my struggles too. I have a stake in fighting for you and your families because it could just as easily and quickly be my family on the line next.

By the time I came into office in 2007, the Goodridge decision had been law for three years. I was then and am now proud of the fact that Massachusetts was the first to affirm marriage equality, and am able to assure others that in the time since, the sky has not fallen and the earth has not opened to swallow us up. Instead, thousands and thousands of good people – people who contribute to the well-being and vitality of our society – have been free to marry whomever they love. Just as they do in New York now, the people of Massachusetts come before their government as equals.

But the waters had not yet calmed. A constitutional amendment to ban marriage equality was brewing. That very first spring, we beat that back. The next year I signed a bill repealing a centuries old law -- revived by Gov. Romney and others to frustrate marriage equality -- that barred out-of-state couples from marrying in Massachusetts. Then we enacted legislation to grant same-sex couples the same access to Medicaid benefits as heterosexual couples. Last year I signed legislation to extend critical protections to transgender residents seeking housing, employment, credit or post-secondary education and to expand the state's hate crimes statutes to include violence perpetrated against transgender men and women.

Why do we push back against the small-mindedness and the misconceptions and the hate?

Because in a community, **your struggle is my struggle, and my struggle is yours.**

Because, as Dr. King taught us, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." It's never wrong to stand for the principle that people come before their government as equals.

I just didn't always realize how personal this was.

Our youngest daughter tells the story about that day in June 2007 when lawmakers voted down once and for all the constitutional amendment banning marriage equality. A spontaneous celebration erupted outside the State House. While I stood before the crowd on the front steps thanking them for their advocacy and their support, Katherine watched from the crowd. She said later she felt proud of me because of how I fought so publicly for something that didn't affect me. It turned out, in the end, that it did. A few months later, she came out to her mom and me. Katherine's struggles are mine, and mine are hers. That's the way it is in a family – just like in a community.

So the question we must ask ourselves now is this: will we be there for the next struggle? Will you join the next fight for freedom and equality? Even in another state?

More than that, will you join the fight for religious freedom? For racial justice? For basic fairness in the criminal justice and immigration systems? Against the kind of poverty and inequality that is crushing the urban poor and dispiriting the middle class? Will you make your neighbors dreams and struggles your own?

These are not existential questions. In a few weeks' time, we will choose between two very different visions for our country. One maintains that each of us is on his or her own. It turns its back on the left out and left back, and says in essence: "I've got mine, get yours." The other recognizes our common destiny and our common cause, and asks us to turn to each other rather than on each other. One and only one of these competing visions has a place for community.

At the Democratic National Convention last month, I told a story about the Orchard Gardens Elementary School in Boston. Thanks to an infusion of new ideas and tools, and a little new money, this once chronically underperforming school is in the midst of a profound transformation. In less than a year, proficiency measures at Orchard Gardens improved 70 percent. The school has gone from one of the worst schools in the district to one of the best in the state.

At the end of my visit a year and a half ago, the first grade — led by a veteran teacher — gathered to recite for me. After a short poem about multicultural tolerance, they recited much of the "I Have A Dream" speech. When I started to applaud, the teacher said, "not yet." Then she began to ask those 6- and 7-year olds questions: "What does 'creed' mean?" "What does 'nullification' mean?" "Where is Stone Mountain?" And as the hands shot up to answer her questions, I realized that she had taught the children not just to memorize but also to comprehend what they had recited.

The part I left out of the Orchards Gardens story when I told it at the Convention is this: This past February, twenty first-graders from Orchard Gardens arrived in Washington on what was for most of them

their first flight on an airplane. They went to practice reciting the “I Have A Dream” speech one more time, this time under the towering monument honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. on the National Mall. Later that afternoon, they, along with their bashful principal, and their dynamic, loving teacher went to the White House to recite for the President of the United States.

Watching them run around the South Lawn, burning off nervous energy while they waited, or gawking at the unfamiliar splendor of the interiors, or asking where the bathroom is, or staring in bug-eyed disbelief when President Obama entered the Diplomatic Reception Room, they could have been any 6- or 7-year olds. And yet I am certain that they felt important that day simply because someone made them feel worthy. It was extraordinary that that someone was the President of the United States. But what matters most is that *someone* made them feel worthy, that someone had a stake in their dreams and struggles.

If we are to be a national community, with common destiny and common cause, then we must see those children as our children, yours and mine; their struggles as our struggles. For this country to rise, they must rise -- and we have a common stake in that.

So, I celebrate Pride Agenda and its victories for social justice in the LGBTQ community. But I also ask you to see your stake in the broader struggles, too – and to act on it.

10.18.12 National Association of State Minority, Women and Disadvantage Business Enterprise Remarks

Governor Deval L. Patrick

First Annual Meeting of the National Association of State Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Directors

Doubletree Hotel by Hilton, Boston

Thursday, October 18, 2012

Good evening. Thank you, Ron, for the warm introduction and for your service as head of our Office of Access and Opportunity.

Welcome to Massachusetts, ladies and gentleman, and to the First Annual Meeting of the National Association of State Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Directors. We appreciate all that you do.

In the last 6 years, since I've been in office, the Commonwealth has emerged as a leader in creating access and opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses.

Since the beginning of my Administration, state spending with minority firms has increased nearly 90 percent, and state spending with women-run firms has increased by about 120 percent. We have also implemented policies and programs to ensure diversity in both the people we hire and the goods and services we procure.

To achieve this, we consolidated various agencies to better integrate procurement and supplier diversity efforts.

Our Office of Access and Opportunity – under the leadership of Ron Marlow, oversees and coordinates personnel and procurement diversity efforts.

Procurement Officers in each Executive Branch agency are now responsible for keeping all state agencies invested and engaged on supplier diversity.

And we continue to push these objectives in new initiatives. For example, in new legislation to expand gaming in our state we secured language to extend supplier diversity requirements, meaning licensed casinos will have to adopt and report on supplier diversity objectives and outcomes.

We've staffed state government to reflect the diversity of our Commonwealth, too. Under Governor Romney, 3.6 percent of the Governor's office staff were minorities. Today minorities represent 26.2 percent of my staff – a 627.8 percent increase!

11.2 percent of Executive Branch managers were minorities under Governor Romney.

Today that number is 16.2 percent, a 46 percent increase.

We've increased the role of women in our state government as well. On the Governor's Office staff by 22.7 percent, and in Executive Branch management roles by 46 percent. Today, 52.8 percent of all Executive Branch employees are women.

Why do we do this?

Minority-owned businesses are an engine for job creation in the Commonwealth. There are over 47,000 minority-owned firms in Massachusetts spanning the industries – high tech, health care, construction, hospitality, education, and financial services just to name a few. If we want to not just recover from the recession, but to grow economically, minority and women-owned businesses must grow.

The strategy we have pursued focuses on investing in education, in innovation, and in infrastructure. Because we have pursued it with discipline, our unemployment rate is well below the national average, our innovation economy is on fire, and we are first in the nation in student achievement, in the top five globally in math and science.

Minority and women-owned businesses participate in each prong of our strategy, and therefore share in our success.

We have a lot more work to do. But there's a reason we do what we do.

When I was growing up on the South Side of Chicago in the 50s and 60s, every child was under the jurisdiction of every single adult on the block. If you messed up down the street in front of Mrs. Jones', she would straighten you out as if you were hers -- and then call home, so you'd get it two times.

What those adults were trying to get across to us was that they had a stake in us, and that membership in a community is about understanding the stake that each of us has, not just in our own dreams and our own struggles but in our neighbors' as well. It was about what I call "generational responsibility."

If we keep that sense of community alive, if we make it an integral part of the work we are doing in and between government and with the private sector, I'm confident our best days are ahead.

God bless you all and thank you for the work you do to make your community stronger.

GOVERNOR PATRICK CELEBRATES ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO LGBT YOUTH

Swears in new and returning members of the MA Commission on
LGBT Youth



Governor Patrick swears in new and returning members of the Massachusetts Commission on LGBT Youth. (Photo Credit: Eric Haynes / Governor's Office)

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BOSTON – Wednesday, January 9, 2013 – Governor Patrick today swore in new and returning members of the Massachusetts Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Youth and celebrated the progress his Administration has made in improving life for LGBT youth. Consistent with the Commission's previous policy recommendations, the Patrick-Murray administration has improved LGBT youth access to safe homes; expanded training and education programs for agency staff and providers that interact with LGBT youth; and recognized gender identity in the analysis of youth health and safety.

"I am proud to join the members of the MA Commission on LGBT Youth to celebrate the progress we have made in improving conditions for LGBT youth and to look ahead at the work that needs to be done," said Governor Patrick. "We do what we do as a matter of conscience – all young people should have a chance to thrive. In that spirit, we will continue to work with the Commission to promote healthy, safe environments for all youth, provide health education and services to meet the needs of the LGBT population and continue to affirm the dignity of every human being."

"Growing up as an 'out' teen on Cape Cod not long ago, there was no GSA at my high school and nearest LGBT youth resource was an hour drive away. I was fortunate – I had a supportive family and adult role models – but too many LGBT young people in Massachusetts are not," said Julian Cyr, Chair of the Massachusetts Commission on LGBT Youth. "Governor Patrick has been a true partner to the Commission and a leader for improving the lives of young people across the Commonwealth. We look forward to continuing that momentum as we work with state agencies to advance changes in service delivery and education policy to close the gaps that still persist for LGBT youth."

In June 2012, the Governor participated in the Commission's 20th anniversary public hearings for youth and adults across the Commonwealth to assess the strengths and needs of LGBT youth. While the climate for LGBT youth has improved, especially in Massachusetts due to sustained state investment in specialized health and social services, educational law and policy, and community-based advocacy, significant health disparities remain. According to the 2011 Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey, gay, lesbian and bisexual youth in Massachusetts are: seven times more likely to have attempted suicide in the past year; twice as likely to skip school because of feeling unsafe; twice as likely to have been injured or threatened with a weapon at school; and two times as likely to be bullied. They are also almost three times as likely to get pregnant or make someone else pregnant and twice as likely to report current tobacco use.

The recommendations that emerged from those hearings focus on three themes critical to LGBT youth: access to services; training and education around sexual orientation and gender identity; and nondiscrimination policies and guidance. The Patrick Administration has been working closely with the Commission to implement these recommendations. Through agency liaisons, members of the Commission are collaborating with senior managers at respective agencies to close gaps in access, training, and non-discrimination.

Thanks to the strong partnership between the Administration and the Commission, the following FY14 recommendations have already been met:

Department of Children and Families

Recommendation: Improve access to safe homes by identifying LGBT-friendly foster placements, hotline homes, and residential facilities.

- Identification and tracking of safe homes requires that family resource workers raise the question as part of the home study process for new foster families, and as part of the re-licensing process for continuing foster families. The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is working to update the foster parent home study form to ask families whether they would be affirming placements for LGBTQ youth.

- The Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) has established a working group to map the resources currently available to LGBTQ youth in the Commonwealth including, but not limited to, safe homes and residential facilities. The group includes representation from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Children, Youth, and Families at EOHHS, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Public Health, the Department of Youth Services, the Department of Transitional Assistance, the Department of Mental Health and members of the Massachusetts Commission on LGBT Youth.

Recommendation: Provide training programs for all workers and supervisors on the issues that affect LGBT youth and adults.

- DCF has approved a revised training module for new foster parents and adoptive parents on caring for LGBTQ youth. One change includes the removal of references to “gender identity disorder” from participant and trainer guides due to changes in practice guidelines within the psychiatric establishment. The Department is partnering with community initiatives, such as Connect To Protect, to provide continued training opportunities to current foster and adoptive parents in an effort to identify appropriate placements for LGBTQ youth and increase foster and adoptive parents’ ability to properly care and support LGBTQ youth.
- DCF is implementing a new training module for new DCF supervisors and social workers on working with LGBTQ youth and adults.

Department of Youth Services

Recommendation: Continue to implement comprehensive LGBT training curriculum for staff.

- The Department of Youth Services (DYS) held two day-long trainings for senior staff in the spring, conducted by the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GLBT) Youth Support Project, a program of Health Imperatives. DYS is continuing to work with the GLBT Youth Support Project to develop of comprehensive training curriculum and training schedule for all DYS staff.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Recommendation: Add a question on gender identity to the 2013 Massachusetts Youth Risk Behavior Survey (MYRBS) survey.

- DESE is including a question on gender identity in their 2013 MYRBS. This represents an important step forward that has been long advocated for by members of the LGBT community. The new question will allow data collection and analysis of trends in the health and safety of transgender students.

Recommendation: Conduct a public presentation of the results of the 2011 MYRBS to the Board of Education within the next six months.

- DESE is committed to hosting a presentation within the next six months.

Department of Early Education and Care

Recommendation: Provide LGBT cultural competency training for program providers.

- EEC held two regional conferences for early education and out-of-school time professionals, guidance counselors, crisis counselors, and others working with children and families around the issues of adoption, being in a family with LGBT parents or children, or being dual language learners. These full day conferences examined the challenges and risk factors each of these groups face, how these issues manifest in schools, and how educators can modify their practice to better serve these children and families. They were held November 19 at UMASS Amherst and November 26 at Bridgewater State and were co-sponsored by the Commission.

These actions build upon the Patrick-Murray Administration's commitment to supporting LGBT Youth.

In 2010, the Governor signed a landmark anti-bullying law to empower and educate students and make schools safer. In 2011, the Governor signed a Gender Identity Bill to extend critical protections to transgender residents, in housing, employment, education and protection from hate crimes. The Administration is currently working to ensure equal accommodations for transgender students in schools and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has moved swiftly to amend regulations to protect all students regardless of their gender identity and expression. The Administration has also established the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Commission with a focus on addressing homelessness among LGBT youth population.

"The Commission and this report demonstrate that Massachusetts is well ahead of the curve when it comes to addressing the needs of LGBT youth," said Senator Stanley Rosenberg. "There is still work to be done and this report lays out the steps necessary to ensure that LGBT youth have a voice and that state government is responsive to the diverse needs of the community."

"The focus on our youth is critical. We know LGBT youth do better when their specific needs and concerns are addressed," said Representative Carl Sciortino. "I applaud the Commission for doing such a thoughtful job and look forward to working with the Administration and colleagues to implement the recommendations."

"We're excited to see Commission's latest recommendations, which particularly focus on the needs of youth who face the greatest health disparities: LGBT youth of color, transgender youth, homeless and other youth facing economic challenges," said Grace Sterling Stowell, Executive Director of the Boston Alliance of LGBT Youth (BAGLY). "As the oldest and largest LGBT youth organization in the state, we know first-hand the significant health disparities among this population. We also applaud the Patrick Administration's continued leadership and support of this most vulnerable community of young people."

"There are young people who are queer all across the Commonwealth. In holding hearings in Western Massachusetts [in June 2012], the Commission made sure that youth from all corners of the state were able to give feedback and have a voice," said Amy Epstein, Program Manager of the Holyoke Youth Task Force. "When you grow up in Western Massachusetts, or other parts of the state far from Boston, many LGBT youth feel isolated and excluded. These Recommendations, and the hearings that preceded them, acknowledge that what our youth are going through is important to state leaders."

The Commission on LGBT Youth is established by law as an independent state agency to recommend and advocate to all branches of state government effective policies, programs, and resources for LGBT youth to thrive. Founded in 1992 as the first body of its kind in the nation, the Commission has been advocating for LGBT youth wellbeing in and out of school for the past twenty years.

Members of the MA Commission on LGBT Youth

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MURRAY ANNOUNCES QUINSIGAMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE EXPANSION

New Downtown Worcester Location on Franklin Street Will Serve 2,000 Students and Administrators; Expands Health Care and Workforce Development and Training Programs

WORCESTER – Wednesday, February 6, 2013 – Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray today joined New Garden Park, the 501(c)3 entity of the Worcester Business Development Corporation (WBDC), Quinsigamond Community College (QCC), and state and local officials to announce QCC's expansion to 20 Franklin Street in downtown Worcester.

"Our Administration is focused on helping Worcester reach its full economic potential, and with the expansion of QCC to Franklin Street, we're paving the way in the city's downtown district," said Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray. "I am proud to partner with the Worcester Business Development Corporation, QCC, and the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance to help revitalize another part of the city's downtown district, opening doors for students from across the region to pursue an education and training in downtown Worcester."

The new downtown location will allow QCC to relocate and expand its Allied Health programs, as well as offer expanded Workforce Development and Training, Adult Basic Education and English as a Second Language programs. The new facility will support over 2,000 students and administrators.

"The Patrick-Murray Administration is committed to helping Gateway Cities revitalize their downtown centers," said Secretary of Administration and Finance Glen Shor. "Quinsigamond Community College's expanded presence will bring the benefit of increased business to many area employers and provide a boost for economic activity and long-term growth in Worcester's downtown district."

Last week, QCC's Board of Trustees voted to approve the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance's (DCAMM) recommendation to execute the lease for the new downtown location. DCAMM will secure 72,409 square feet of instructional space for use by QCC in the former Telegram and Gazette Building.

"The Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) is excited to announce this lease agreement for the former Telegram & Gazette building," said Commissioner Carole Cornelison. "This proposal relocates and expands Quinsigamond Community College's health care and workforce development programs to downtown Worcester - serving more than 2,000 students and employees. The Patrick-Murray Administration is committed to furthering our economic partnership with the city of Worcester and Quinsigamond Community College's new downtown presence will play a vital role in the revitalization of this Gateway City."

"This expansion by QCC is the latest sign of the growing importance of our public colleges and universities in preparing the state's future workforce," said Richard M. Freeland, Commissioner of Higher Education. "It will enhance our ability to prepare students for the jobs of the future."

"Fifty years ago, Quinsigamond began with 278 students in space borrowed from Holy Cross. Today, the college serves over 11,000 students. This facility will help the college support the dreams of even more Worcester residents," said Ms. Stacey DeBoise Luster, Chair of the QCC Board of Trustees.

"I commend the QCC Board of Trustees for their courage and leadership that has enabled us to take this bold step," said Dr. Gail E. Carberry, president of Quinsigamond. "They have created a fiscal plan with our administration that has enabled this lease to move forward, despite the challenging fiscal times we've seen."

"We view this new lease with QCC as more than a landlord-tenant relationship – it is a long-term partnership," said Craig Blais, President & CEO of the WBDC, "The redevelopment of the former Telegram & Gazette building is the cornerstone project for the revitalization of this critical portion of our downtown. QCC's presence at 20 Franklin Street will bring a renewed sense of activity to our downtown neighborhood, providing new programmatic connections to our various downtown institutions."

"As Senate Chair of the Committee on Higher Education and a member of the Committee on Labor & Workforce Development, I understand the relationship between our community colleges and a thriving workforce," said Senator Michael O. Moore. "Everyday community colleges, like Quinsigamond Community College, teach students the skills necessary to be competitive in the 21st Century. Innovations at our community colleges, like the Health Care and Workforce Development Training Center, will continue to ensure that the Commonwealth remains an attractive destination for businesses and provide them with a skilled workforce."

"This project will provide for much needed additional space and technological improvements, and will greatly compliment the city's ongoing expansion plans for downtown Worcester," said Senator Harriette Chandler.

"I am pleased and grateful that the Board of Trustees and President of our Quinsigamond Community Colleges see Downtown as the right location for their strategic growth. Music to my ears," said Worcester City Manager Michael V. O'Brien. "Their commitment allows the City to work side by side with our partners at WBDC and bring 20 Franklin Street back to life with over 2000 new students and faculty. The life and vitality from these new "feet on the street", combined with the positives underfoot within CitySquare, the Theatre District, at MCPHSU, and private investment throughout Downtown, set the right table and mix for our long-term success."

Building on the Patrick-Murray Administration's ongoing support for investing education, Governor Patrick has proposed bold investments at all levels of the Commonwealth's education system including higher education, quadrupling the amount of direct financial aid to students through the MASSGrant program and increasing support to our public campuses to enhance student services and help make college more affordable for students and families in Massachusetts. To learn more about the Governor's budget recommendations, visit www.mass.gov/governor.

GOVERNOR PATRICK IS RECOGNIZED FOR GROWING DIVERSITY IN STATE GOVERNMENT

BOSTON – Thursday, May 23, 2013 – Governor Deval Patrick Tuesday was recognized for his Administration's efforts to create a state government that reflects the diversity and inclusiveness of communities throughout Massachusetts at the Commonwealth Compact's 5th Anniversary celebration. Under Governor Patrick's leadership, over one quarter of executive branch employees are people of color and over half are women.

During his first month in office, Governor Patrick signed Executive Order 478 which reestablished the Commonwealth's commitment to hiring a diverse workforce by promoting inclusion in hiring and board appointments, and providing enhanced access to state services and contracts for all Massachusetts residents. That executive order also outlined a specific process to implement the hiring of people with disabilities, resulting in the creation of the Disability Task Force to establish and implement best practices for recruiting, hiring and promoting persons with disabilities.

As Massachusetts' presence in the global economy continues to grow, the Patrick-Murray Administration has focused on ensuring that all of the Commonwealth's residents have a place in expanding and strengthening our economy for future generations. State business with minority-owned and women-owned companies has increased by over 40 percent overall; 16 percent for minority-owned businesses and 51 percent for women-owned companies, since Governor Patrick took office. There has been a 10 percent increase in women and a 57 percent increase in minority individuals in Executive Branch managerial positions, since 2007, and a 25 percent increase in women and a 207 percent increase in minority individuals serving as senior managers within state government during that time. Minority-owned businesses continue to be an engine for job creation in the Commonwealth, with over 47,000 minority-owned firms in Massachusetts spanning multiple industries including high-tech, health care, construction, hospitality, education and financial services.

About Commonwealth Compact:

Commonwealth Compact was created in 2008 by Steve Crosby, then Dean of UMass Boston's McCormack Graduate School, with the help of former Suffolk County District Attorney, Ralph Martin, and former Boston Globe publisher, Steve Ainsley. Its mission is to establish Massachusetts as a uniquely inclusive, honest and supportive community of - and for - diverse people. Commonwealth Compact is committed to increasing, retaining and promoting the representation of people of color and women throughout their organizations.