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AG MAURA HEALEY AND MOVA ANNOUNCE AWARDS TO CRIME VICTIMS AND PROVIDERS

Boston: The Victim and Witness Assistance Board (VWAB) and the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) presented awards to crime victims, survivors, and providers today at its annual State House ceremony. As Chair of the VWAB that governs MOVA, AG Healey honored leaders, legislators, advocates, and survivors who have advanced the rights of crime victims in Massachusetts. 2019 marks the 35th anniversary of the Massachusetts Victim Bill of Rights.

“I congratulate the dedicated advocates who have committed their lives to serving victims and survivors of crime and violence prevention across Massachusetts,” said AG Healey. “I am honored to join our colleagues at MOVA to recognize the outstanding work and contributions of all those here today.”

During the ceremony, Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito proclaimed April as Victim Rights Month in Massachusetts and several individuals and organizations were recognized for their efforts on behalf of victims. Those honored included: Stacy Malone, Executive Director of Victim Rights Law Center; Senator James T. Welch; the law firm Mintz; and Edwin Woo of the Braintree Police Department.

“Today we celebrate how far we have come on behalf of crime victims and survivors over the last 35 years and reflect on the work that remains ahead”, said MOVA Executive Director Liam Lowney. “The individuals we honor today represent of the extraordinary community of dedicated leaders and advocates who work each day to make strides in the victim rights movement.”

MOVA is an independent state agency that seeks to uphold and advance the rights of crime victims and witnesses throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. MOVA provides grant funding, training, and support to victim service programs throughout the state. For information regarding services available to assist crime victims in Massachusetts contact MOVA at (617) 586-1340 or visit their website at www.mass.gov/mova.

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