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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
DIVISION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 480

**STRENGTHENING THE LEVEL OF PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION
BETWEEN STATE GOVERNMENT AND CITIES AND TOWNS**

WHEREAS, Cities and towns are the primary service providers for the residents of the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, cities and towns are a vital partner in creating the conditions under which economic development flourishes throughout Massachusetts;

WHEREAS, cities and towns have the primary responsibility of educating children throughout the Commonwealth and providing children with the foundation that will enable them to compete in a global marketplace;

WHEREAS, the most crucial and visible interactions between government and citizen – education, public safety, transportation, public health, recreation and more – occur locally;

WHEREAS, the level of partnership and collaboration between state government and cities and towns has suffered over the past decade;

WHEREAS, cities and towns have been burdened under a statutory and regulatory scheme that often stifles innovation, reduces flexibility, and in many instances leaves local government wholly dependent upon state government; and,

WHEREAS, the revitalization of cities and towns will begin with an emphasis on greater service collaboration between local and state government, enhanced opportunities for regional collaboration, a renewed emphasis on providing cities and towns with the flexibility to address their unique challenges, and a direct and daily forum to foster regular, honest and open communication between local government and the executive branch of government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deval L. Patrick, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution, Part 2, c. 2, § I, Art. I, hereby order as follows:

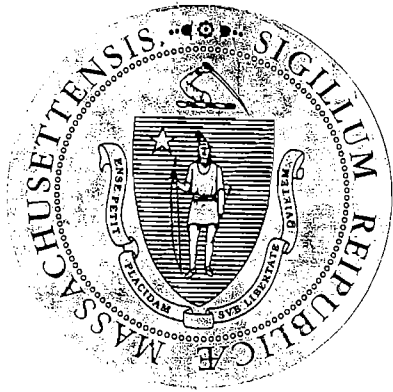
Section 1. There is hereby established within the Executive Office of Administration and Finance, a Municipal Affairs Coordinating Cabinet.

Section 2. The cabinet shall be chaired by the deputy commissioner for local services of the department of revenue. The cabinet shall also include the state purchasing agent, the chief information officer, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, the executive director of the group insurance commission, the personnel administrator, the chairman of the civil service commission, and any other person whom the Secretary of Administration and Finance may designate.

Section 3. The cabinet shall have the following responsibilities:

- (a) to implement policies and coordinate activities throughout the executive branch that are designed to enhance the partnership between local and state government;
- (b) to assess ways in which state government may provide assistance to local government in the provision of services, including but not limited to, technology, procurement, construction, employee benefits, and other areas where the assets of state government may be utilized to assist local governments;
- (c) to provide support to the Local Government Advisory Commission, (“LGAC”) created pursuant to M.G.L. c. 3, § 62, to analyze and implement recommendations that have been made by the LGAC and approved by the Governor;
- (d) to coordinate the implementation of municipal impact statements on legislation and executive orders;
- (e) to provide analysis of home rule legislation to determine if the particular provision should be applied broadly to all cities and towns thereby providing permanent local authority.

Section 4 This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall continue in effect until amended, superseded, or revoked by subsequent Executive Order.



Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America two hundred and thirty-one.

A stylized, handwritten signature of Deval L. Patrick in black ink.

DEVAL L. PATRICK, GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A handwritten signature of William Francis Galvin in black ink.

William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth