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Dear Colleagues,

With the 24th anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks approaching, the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is again accepting nominations for the *2025 Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery*.

As you may recall, the award was created in 2002 in recognition of Amy Sweeney, a resident of Acton and a flight attendant on American Airlines Flight 11 who demonstrated enormous courage in the face of danger. As the tragic fate of the airplane became clear that morning, Ms. Sweeney contacted the airline's Boston ground service crew to convey critical information about the hijackers and their actions. It is for Amy Sweeney's heroism, and the heroism and brave spirit of so many victims of September 11, 2001, that this award was created.

Recipients of the Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery must be civilians who have demonstrated exceptional bravery under imminent danger and without regard for personal safety in an effort to save the life of another. Previous honorees of the Sweeney Award include an individual who saved residents from a burning building, a witness to a motor vehicle accident who saved the occupants, an individual who put himself in harm's way with an armed suspect to protect a mother and child, and a civilian responding to the Boston Marathon bombing. If you know of anyone who fits such criteria, please consider nominating them for the 2025 Madeline Amy Sweeney Award.

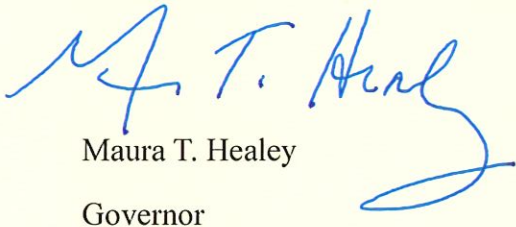
Nominations must be received by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) by July 25, 2025, for acts of bravery that were performed between June 16, 2024, to June 15, 2025.

The 2025 Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery will be presented at a ceremony to be held at the Massachusetts State House on Thursday, September 11, 2025.

Should you have any questions about the nomination process, please get in touch with Anjeza Xhemollari at the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security at anjeza.xhemollari@mass.gov or 617-366-7760. The nomination form, which includes further details regarding award criteria, can be found on mass.gov by searching "Submit a nomination for the Madeline Amy Sweeney Award for Civilian Bravery."

Thank you for your consideration and, as always, for your leadership on behalf of the people of our great Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully,



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