



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN



Seventeenth Annual Commonwealth Heroines of Massachusetts  
Class of 2020

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Stella Rogers of Rockland  
Joanne Hillman of Winthrop  
Yaritza Rizzo of Lawrence  
Carlie Tartakov of Amherst  
Margaret Morrissey of Southbridge  
Meena Kaushik of Hopkinton  
Mimi Lemay of Marblehead  
Jane Winn of Pittsfield  
Deb Cary of Princeton  
Tracey Crago of Falmouth  
Mary Jane McGlennon of Gloucester  
Laurie Godwin of Fall River  
Teresa Tapper of Stoughton  
Debra Mann Schmill of Needham  
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Rep. Carolyn Dykema  
Rep. Lori Ehrlich  
Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier  
Rep. Kimberly Ferguson  
Rep. Dylan Fernandes  
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Ellen Quackenbush of Concord  
Julie Gage of Somerville  
Kathleen Flynn of Lunenburg  
Sue-Ellen Hershman-Tcherepnin of Watertown  
Catherine Gaudet of Leominster  
Jacqueline Gillis of Hudson  
Katherine Martinez of Dorchester  
Estelle Flett of Norton  
Joanne Sullivan of Dorchester  
Francine Coughlin of North Reading  
Debra Roberts of Stoughton  
Maureen Johnson of Westborough  
Courtney Cahill of Scituate  
Sachiko Isihara of West Newton  
Kristen Forsberg of Rochdale  
Donna Wresinski of Framingham  
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Cheryl Rose of Dalton  
Patricia Yebba of Everett  
Patrice Rousseau of Putnam, CT  
Marie-Louise Kehoe of Dedham  
Kathy Reardon of Hingham  
Joanna O'Connell of North Andover  
Isaura Mendes of Dorchester  
Marilyn Fitzgerald of Andover  
Laura Often of North Grafton  
Tiffany Cesero of Plymouth  
Alexis Forgit of Milford  
Tena Zapantis of Clinton  
Nancy Stone Lennhoff of North Andover  
Marge Ghilarducci of Berkley  
Leah Jones of Beverly  
Wendy Northcross of West Barnstable  
Patricia "Patti" Quigley of Wellesley  
Charan Devereaux of Somerville  
Paula Dubord of Wilbraham  
Sara Hamerla of Framingham  
Kathryn Bonfiglio of Belmont

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Jacqueline Royce of Boston  
Marcia Kimm-Jackson of Hyde Park  
Lucy Tabit of Westport  
Michaela Gagne Hetzler of Fall River  
Gail Boutiette of Uxbridge  
Marie Thibault of Danvers  
Jennifer Rose of Waltham  
Angela Varney of Middleboro  
Christina Varney of Middleboro  
Barbara Buckley of Middleboro  
Alyssa Jones of Salem  
Mya Cook of Malden  
Deanna Cook of Malden  
Graciela Trilla, Ed.D. of Haverhill  
Gina Sabbs Nelson of South Hadley  
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Loretta LaCentra of Revere  
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Virginia Locke of South Yarmouth  
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