## THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR MAURA T. HEALEY LT. GOVERNOR KIMBERLEY DRISCOLL

## **NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Effective 12:00 PM today, August 1, 2025, Governor Maura T. Healey has declared that the State of Emergency originally declared on August 8, 2023 due to a severe lack of shelter availability in the state, no longer exists and is terminated.

Since declaring the State of Emergency, Governor Healey reformed the Right to Shelter law for the first time in decades to lower the size and cost of the shelter system, including imposing a capacity limit, length of stay limits, and a residency requirement, as well as requiring all family members to have proof of lawful immigration status with limited exceptions. She also expanded workforce training and job placement for residents, increased case management to help families find stable housing, and imposed mandatory CORI checks for all adults before entry into the system.

As a result, caseload has dropped below January 2023 levels, all hotel shelters have closed, and taxpayer costs are being reduced by hundreds of millions of dollars. These reforms will remain in effect to ensure the long-term sustainability of the system and control costs.

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