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**Representative O'Day, Massachusetts Legislature, Pass FY19 Budget ending the 190<sup>th</sup> session**

**Boston, MA** – Representative James O'Day (D - 14<sup>th</sup> Worcester District) joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts legislature to pass the budget for the 2019 Fiscal Year (FY19) ending the 190<sup>th</sup> session. The 2019 Fiscal Year budget contains \$41.88 billion in expenditures and includes important spending and policy initiatives that were in the House and Senate budgets. The budget features no new taxes or fees and directs a \$367 million deposit into the Stabilization Fund to ensure our state's fiscal health and protect Massachusetts' future. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts ends the 190<sup>th</sup> legislative session successfully passing legislation on women's reproductive rights, clean energy, paid family and medical leave, gun safety, and many more. Representative O'Day played a vital role in securing funding for critical local and statewide programs, as well as passing legislation that supports the Commonwealth's most vulnerable communities.

Representative O'Day successfully ensured \$3.3 million for housing and support services for unaccompanied youth which would be used to provide funding for the unaccompanied homelessness law, M.G.L. Chapter 6A, Sections 16W and 16X, so as to provide more housing and service resources to youth and young adults age 24 and younger.

Representative O'Day, along with his colleagues in the Worcester delegation, advocated for many priorities that were ultimately secured in the final FY19 budget. These items include \$100,000 for the training of community health workers at the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center in Worcester, \$150,000 for the architectural redesign of the West Boylston Fire Station, and \$150,000 for the purpose of tree replanting in Worcester.

Additionally, Representative O'Day secured \$250,000 for the management of the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management in the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies at the University of Massachusetts in Boston, \$100,000 for the expansion and improvement of Jumpstart, \$50,000 for the Center for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Medical Center, \$200,000 for the Department of Public Health to conduct a Postpartum Pilot Program at community health centers in the cities of Holyoke, Lynn, Worcester, and the Jamaica Plain



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section of the City of Boston, and \$175,000 for the expansion of the Substance Use Disorder Treatment for MCPAP for Moms.

Representative O'Day's amendment to provide medication assisted treatment (MAT) in correctional facilities was included in the final Opioid bill (H.4725) - An Act for prevention and access to appropriate care and treatment of addiction. This amendment creates a three-year pilot program in 5 county houses of correction and implements MAT in 4 state prisons, providing medication assisted treatment to inmates with opioid addiction by September 2019. The implementation of this program will provide medications such as suboxone and methadone to inmates with a valid prescription and will start inmates on such medications if determined to be medically appropriate by a qualified addiction specialist. MAT enables former inmates to rebuild their lives and give back to their community after being released.

Additionally, Representative O'Day and his colleague Senate President Emerita Harriette L. Chandler, passed S.2559 – An Act authorizing the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to modify and relocate an easement in the town of West Boylston. This bill authorizes the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance to modify and relocate an easement in the town of West Boylston.

As the House Chairman of the Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, Representative O'Day conducted 12 public hearings and reported out 273 bills, 76 of which have become law. During this 190<sup>th</sup> legislative session, he reviewed legislation dealing with zoning and planning, municipal finance, animal welfare, and numerous other bills affecting individual cities, towns, counties and districts. Most recently, he was appointed as one of 6 legislators on the conference committee to review the PAWS II animal welfare bill, the report of which was completed on Tuesday.

“I am grateful to Speaker DeLeo, Chairman Sanchez, and my colleagues for putting forth a great budget and 190<sup>th</sup> session which includes numerous provisions supporting Massachusetts' most vulnerable citizens,” said Representative O'Day. “During this 190<sup>th</sup> session, my colleagues and I passed monumental legislation relating to criminal justice reform, workers' rights, reproductive rights, clean energy, and opioid addiction. I would also like to congratulate my colleagues in the Worcester delegation for their teamwork and effort in successfully advocating for the inclusion of budgetary priorities that enhance the City of Worcester, the Town of West Boylston, and the quality of life for all of its residents.”

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