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Nekr Jenkins of Barre Recognized as an Unsung Heroine

Honored at State House Ceremony

BOSTON – Nekr Jenkins of Barre will be honored as a member of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women’s 2017 class of Unsung Heroines. **Senator Anne M. Gobi (D-Spencer)** recommended Ms. Jenkins for this recognition because of her tireless efforts to raising addiction awareness. Ms. Jenkins will be honored with the other Unsung Heroines for her outstanding contributions to Barre and the region in a ceremony on Wednesday, May 21, 2017 from 1-4 p.m., in the Great Hall at the State House in Boston.

“Nekr has helped to set up a sustainable network of caring individuals and services to assist those in crisis because of addiction,” said Senator Gobi.

The Unsung Heroines are women who don’t make the news, but make the difference. They are the women who use their time, talent and enthusiasm to enrich the lives of others and make a difference in their neighborhoods, cities and towns. They are mentors, volunteers and innovators who do what needs to be done without expectations of recognition or gratitude. These women are the glue that keeps a community together and every community is better because of their contribution.

The ceremony will include a program emceed by MCSW leadership, acknowledging each of the 2017 Unsung Heroines, along with remarks from Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg and Representative Colleen M. Garry, Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators. The ceremony will be followed by a group photograph on the Grand Staircase and a Just Desserts reception.

A complete list of this year’s honorees is available by contacting the Commission; to request this list or for additional information please contact the MCSW at 617-626-6520 or mcsw@state.ma.us.

The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women is an independent state agency that was legislatively created in 1998 to advance women of the Commonwealth to full equality in all areas of life and

to promote their rights and opportunities. The MCSW provides a permanent, effective voice for the women of Massachusetts.

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