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**STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR DEVAL PATRICK ON JULY JOB FIGURES**

BOSTON -Thursday, August 19, 2010 - Governor Deval Patrick issued the following statement regarding the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development's report that preliminary job figures show an overall job growth of 13,200 jobs, with an increase of 19,200 private jobs in all nine sectors. July's job growth is the largest monthly private sector job gain in the Commonwealth in the last 20 years. It continues as the sixth straight month of overall job growth in Massachusetts.

"The Massachusetts economy added 19,200 private sector jobs in July - yet another sign that we are rebounding and the Commonwealth's recovery is real. The fact that this is the largest monthly private sector gain in 20 years shows that our strategic investments in the innovation industries and efforts to improve the business climate are hitting their marks. Despite this good news, I still see the people who are looking for work. For their future and our Commonwealth's, we will continue to push forward."

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