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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am today signing House 5509, "An Act to Provide for the Acquisition of Conservation Land in the Town of Ipswich for the Expansion of Willowdale State Forest."

This legislation provides \$400,000 in state funding, which will leverage an additional \$2.1 million in local match funding, for the purchase of a 41 acre parcel adjacent to Willowdale State Forest in Ipswich.

To ensure continued fiscal restraint, however, it is necessary to reduce item 2100-1010, which would appropriate \$1.75 million for renovations of the Greycourt Estate site in the City of Methuen, to the amount that the Department of Environmental Management is projected to expend in Fiscal Year 2001. Thus, pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter 1, Section 1, Article 2 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth, and Article 63, Section 5, as amended by Article 90, Section 5 of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am reducing item 2100-1010 by \$750,000.

The remainder of the bill I hereby approve.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Swift
Acting Jane Swift

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In the Year Two Thousand.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CONSERVATION LAND IN THE TOWN OF IPSWICH FOR THE EXPANSION OF WILLOWDALE STATE FOREST.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
 2 defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make supplemental
 3 appropriations, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency
 4 law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public conve-
 5 nience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. To provide for a certain unanticipated obligation
 2 of the commonwealth and to meet certain requirements of law, the
 3 sum set forth in section 2A is hereby appropriated from the
 4 general fund, for the purpose and subject to the conditions speci-
 5 fied herein, and subject to the provisions of law regulating the dis-
 6 bursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 7 2001. The sum shall be in addition to any amounts previously
 8 appropriated and made available for the purposes of this item.

1 NO SECTION 2.

1 SECTION 2A.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS.

Department of Environmental Management.

2100-0010 For a one-time matching grant of not more than \$400,000 for the purchase of a 40.9 acre parcel of land, pursuant to sections 3 and 4, located in the town of Ipswich and adjacent to the town of Topsfield for addition to the Willowdale state forest under the jurisdiction of the department of environmental management; provided, that no funds appropriated herein shall be expended until the towns certify the availability of a 100 per cent matching payment towards the purchase; provided further, that the matching

payment by the towns may be in equal or varying amounts; and provided further, that funds appropriated herein be in addition to other amounts available to the department for the purchase

400,000

2100-1010

For the rehabilitation and repair of the Greycourt State Park in the city of Methuen, including public safety improvements and courtyard renovations

1,750,000.

1 SECTION 3. The department of environmental management,
2 pursuant to item 2100-0010 in section 2A, shall purchase the
3 parcel of land described as follows:

4 SOUTHWESTERLY and SOUTHERLY by Gravelly Brook
5 Road fifteen hundred forty-six and 58/1000 (1546.58) feet;
6 NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Amanda Foster
7 about ninety-four and 7/10 (94.7) feet; WESTERLY by said
8 Foster land and by land now or formerly of John A. Brown about
9 ten hundred sixty-five (1065) feet; SOUTHERLY by said Brown
10 land and by other land now or formerly of Amanda Foster about
11 four hundred twenty-one and 3/10 (421.3) feet; WESTERLY by
12 said Foster land about three hundred twenty-nine and 2/10 (329.2)
13 feet; NORTHWESTERLY by said Foster land and by land now or
14 formerly of Ellen R. McCarthy about five hundred seventy-five
15 and 8/10 (575.8) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by land now or for-
16 merly of J. Lathrop Motley, by other land now or formerly of
17 Ellen R. McCarthy and by land now or formerly of Wellington
18 Donaldson about three thousand and sixty-five (3065) feet;
19 SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Madeline P.
20 Bakewell being the middle line of Gravelly Brook about twenty-
21 eight (28) feet; and SOUTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly
22 of David Pingree about one hundred and seventy-nine (179) feet.

1 SECTION 4. The sale price paid for the parcel of land
2 described in section 3 shall be determined by independent
3 appraisal. The inspector general shall review and approve the
4 appraisal and the review shall include an examination of the
5 methodology used for the appraisal. The inspector general shall
6 prepare a report of his review and file the report with the commis-
7 sioner of the department of environmental management, the house
8 and senate committees on ways and means and the chairmen of
9 the joint committee on state administration.

