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NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to [M.G.L. c. 69, § 30](#) and the [Massachusetts Board of Higher Education's Policy Establishing a Process for Public Comment on Articles of Organization and Foreign Certificates of Institutions of Higher Education that the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education](#) will open a comment period relative to **the revocation of the degree-granting authority of Northern Vermont University** in the Commonwealth.

Northern Vermont University ("NVU"), of Lyndonville, Vermont, was approved by the Board of Higher Education to offer an on-the-ground program in Massachusetts in 2016. Specifically, NVU was approved to offer the Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design, Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems and Bachelor of Science in Music Business Industry at the Northern Essex Community College campus in Lawrence, MA. In April 2019, NVU notified the Department of Higher Education that it would be ceasing operations in Massachusetts following a teach-out of its currently enrolled students. NVU completed the teach-out and closed its Massachusetts operations on August 22, 2021.

The Board of Higher Education has determined that an institution that no longer has an active physical presence in Massachusetts should have its degree-granting authority revoked as that authority is no longer required due to the institution's closure of its Massachusetts operations. On March 4, 2022, NVU leadership was informed of this proposed action and of its right to request an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to [M.G.L. c. 69, § 30A](#). On March 6, 2022, NVU leadership declined an adjudicatory hearing.

The public comment period for the revocation of NVU's degree-granting authority in Massachusetts begins on April 7, 2022 and will close three weeks thereafter, on April 28, 2022.

Written comments on the proposed amendments may be submitted at any time prior to 5:00pm on April 28, 2022, by directing the same to the following:

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Attn: Kristen Stone, Assistant Director for Academic and Veterans Affairs

Please submit electronic comments as an attached Word document and type "Northern Vermont University Revocation" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. For special accommodations for submission of public comments or information regarding submission of public comments in an alternative format, please contact Kristen Stone.