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A Resolution in Support of Municipal Aggregation for the City of Easthampton

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Whereas, MGL chapter 164 section 134 allows a municipality to “aggregate the electrical load of interested electricity consumers within its boundaries”; and

Whereas, Municipal Electric Aggregation, also known as Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), allows private residents and businesses to access the benefits of electricity deregulation, and obtain electricity options and rates that would otherwise not be available to those consumers as individual customers, and;

Whereas, Municipal aggregation allows a municipality to contract for competitive rates and, in doing so, offer better rate protection to consumers of energy, while recognizing that savings and rates cannot be guaranteed; and,

Whereas, Municipal aggregation allows for broader choices of purchasing energy that is derived from renewable sources, higher than the Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standard, and.

Whereas, a municipal aggregation program is entirely voluntary for energy consumers, and there is no penalty for individual opt out; and,

Whereas, 164 municipalities in the Commonwealth have approved municipal aggregation programs;

Now therefore be it resolved, that on this 20th day of April, 2022 the Easthampton City Council authorizes the Mayor and the appropriate departments to research, develop, and participate in a contract or contracts to aggregate the electricity load of the residents and businesses in the City and for other related services independently, or in joint action with other municipalities, and authorize the Mayor or their designee to execute all documents necessary to accomplish the same.

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