

# **Resolution in Support of Front-line Mental Health Workers in Springfield**

WHEREAS like communities across Massachusetts, the City of Springfield faces challenges associated with the ongoing opioid epidemic – and the addiction crisis and community violence that comes with it; and

WHEREAS the Springfield City Council understands that front-line clinicians and family support workers at taxpayer-funded Clinical & Support Options (CSO) combat these challenges through the delivery of critical mental health, addiction and crisis intervention services for thousands of at-risk children and families throughout our community; and

WHEREAS Springfield taxpayers depend on these services and deserve to know their resources are appropriately prioritized and dedicated to the delivery of critical care;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Springfield City Council stands in support of the front-line workers of Clinical & Support Options (CSO) whose work is critical to the health, safety and wellbeing of our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Springfield City Council urges CSO administrators to return to the table to reach a fair resolution that appropriately values these vital services and those who provide them.