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**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY CHOICE ENERGY
AGGREGATION**

**(Sponsored by Councilors Thomas D. Hendrickson, Anthony J. Russo and
Rosemary Sandlin)**

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enacted Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997 and established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry, including Section 134 the enabling legislation for municipal aggregation; and

WHEREAS, Community Choice Energy Aggregation is a Massachusetts process that allows municipalities to assume the responsibility of contracting the supply source of electricity that flows to ratepayers in their municipality, and

WHEREAS, that local control allows the municipality to prioritize longer-term energy agreements to stabilize the supply side of electricity rates for ratepayers in the community and to negotiate the amount of renewable energy sources that are being supported through the contract, and

WHEREAS, over 170 cities and towns in Massachusetts have Community Choice Energy Aggregation plans in place, and

WHEREAS, under a Community Choice Energy Program the energy is still distributed and billed solely through the municipality's energy utility company, and residents and businesses have the option to opt-out of the CCA rate at any time, and

WHEREAS, as residents and businesses navigate a continually more volatile energy market, Community Choice Energy Aggregation is a tool that should be available to the Town of Agawam, and

WHEREAS, the residents and businesses of Agawam have substantial economic, environmental and social interests at stake.


NOW THEREFORE, the Agawam City Council hereby resolves to authorize the Mayor to initiate a plan to establish Municipal Energy Aggregation pursuant Massachusetts General Laws c.164 § 134.

DATED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

Christopher C. Johnson, President

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY



Stephen J. Buoniconti, City Solicitor