

CITY OF NORTHAMPTON
MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Fifteen

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF Councilors Jesse Adams, Maureen Carney and Marianne LaBarge

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS

- WHEREAS* The City of Northampton recognizes that adequate mental health care is essential to a good quality of life; and
- WHEREAS* The role of mental health workers is vitally important and critical to the health and safety of our community; and
- WHEREAS* Mental health workers help those in need of mental health services, which include some of our community's most at-risk and vulnerable people, in an effort to provide them with stability, growth, and a positive quality of life; and
- WHEREAS* Despite serving some of the community's most at-risk and vulnerable populations mental health workers are frequently undervalued and underpaid; and
- WHEREAS* Adequate pay for mental health workers will demonstrate a true commitment to mental health services and those who provide them; and
- WHEREAS* The City of Northampton recognizes that adequate funding of human services is needed to pay mental health workers for the critical and vital work that they do.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

The City of Northampton stands with the workers of Clinical and Support Options (CSO) in support of them and urges the CSO administrators to reach a swift and fair resolution with adequate pay and benefits for mental health workers and advocates for adequate funding of human services to provide CSO administrators with the necessary means of providing adequate pay and benefits.

In City Council, August 13, 2015
Passed First Reading, on Voice Vote of 8 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Murphy)

Attest: Pamela L. Poney, Clerk of Council

In City Council, September 3, 2015
Passed Second Reading, on Roll Call Vote 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent (Councilor Dwight), 1 Abstention (Councilor Murphy)

Attest: Pamela L. Poney, Clerk of Council

I hereby certify that the above Resolution passed in city Council on September 3, 2015
David J. Narkewicz was presented with the Resolution on September 4, 2015

The Mayor has neither signed the Resolution nor returned it to the City Council within 10 days following the date it was presented;
Per City Charter Section 3-6, the Resolution is deemed approved and in force effective September 14, 2015

Rules suspended, passed two readings and enrolled
Attest: Pamela L. Poney, Clerk of Council