



## **Pittsfield, Massachusetts Electromagnetic Sensitivity Day Resolution**

Approved by Pittsfield City Council on June 13, 2023 by a Vote of 10:1

WHEREAS, the City of Pittsfield values the diversity, equity and inclusion of all its residents, including those with visible and invisible differences and especially those that involve physical or mental impairments that substantially limit one or more major life activities;

WHEREAS six years ago, June 16, 2017 was celebrated internationally as the World's first "Electrohypersensitivity" ("EHS") day also known as Electromagnetic Sensitivity ("EMS");

WHEREAS, those with EMS exhibit one or more recognized symptoms as a result of exposure to pulsed and modulated RF radiation ("RFR");

WHEREAS, EMS is a spectrum disease and it is progressive. For some the symptoms can become debilitating and severely affect their ability to function;

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2023, The Massachusetts Joint Committee on Public Health heard HB 2158, An Act recognizing EMS as a disease dangerous to the public health, requiring inclusion in MAVEN, establishing the Massachusetts EMS registry and requiring biennial reporting and public health education as part of population health trends in an effort to document how many people in the Commonwealth are suffering from this disease;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2023 there is a worldwide effort to raise awareness and visibility of this condition, to assure acceptance, equitable treatment, and inclusion in society, and are afforded the means to avoid nonconsensual exposure;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council by Resolution expresses its support for EHS Awareness Day, and joins with all those throughout the world and United States in supporting awareness, acceptance, education, inclusion and equity surrounding EMS and those who suffer from it.