



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 1, 1998

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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WHEREAS: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day commemorates the Stonewall Rebellion that is considered the beginning of the Lesbian and Gay Liberation Movement, an evening in June 1969 when the police raided the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar on Christopher Street in New York's Greenwich Village; and

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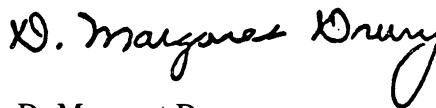
In City Council June 1, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



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Subj: the pride resolution
Date: Thu, May 28, 1998 12:17 PM EDT
From: shyde@nglrf.org
X-From: shyde@nglrf.org (Sue Hyde)
To: KTCouncil@aol.com (Katherine)

C. Reeves

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1998 Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Pride Resolution

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----- Headers -----
Return-Path: <shyde@nglrf.nglrf.org>

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Prepare suitable receipt on Gay Rude by
June 13, 1998



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COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

ORDERED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitable resolution on Gay Pride Day June 13, 1998.

Consent Order #83

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Councillors Triantafillou and Reeves
re: resolution on Gay Pride Day on
June 13, 1998.

In City Council June 1, 1998

ORDER ADOPTED