



# City of Cambridge

R-19.

## IN CITY COUNCIL

October 29, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DECKER  
VICE MAYOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: Since 1994, November 1<sup>st</sup> has been declared National Family Literacy Day and both the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Cambridge have made similar declarations over the past three years; and
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- WHEREAS: Research has proven that families serve as literacy models for their children as well as play a pivotal role in stimulating literacy at home; and
- WHEREAS: A family's well-being is vital to the strength of our community; and
- WHEREAS: The City Council wishes to support the Agenda for Children whose mission is to ensure Healthy Children & Success in School & Strong Community and support their concern that "All children and their families should be able to read;" and
- WHEREAS: The City Council wishes to support the Cambridge School Department's goal of "all children reading on grade level by grade three and every year thereafter;" and
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- WHEREAS: The City Council wishes to support all of the above in their efforts to increase family literacy; and

- WHEREAS: The Council feels that special events organized on or around National Family Literacy Day will specifically accomplish the following: provide families with an opportunity to "celebrate" spoken and written literacy; give free books to students and families that may not have books in their homes; and strengthen or develop collaboration between different City agencies and departments that serve families or provide literacy support to them; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council does hereby proclaim the month of November, Cambridge Family Literacy Month; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Council support the Day of Family Fun on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Cambridge City Hall to celebrate Cambridge Family Literacy Month; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Council call upon all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, and businesses to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies and programs in appreciation of our community's families.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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**Resolution #19**

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**Mayor Galluccio and entire  
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**ORDER ADOPTED**