

RESOLVED: That the weekend of April 29 – May 1, 2005 be declared Kuumba Singers of Harvard University Weekend in the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts

In City Council April 25, 2005.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-96.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 25, 2005

COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
VICE MAYOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: That the City Council go on record extending its congratulations to the Kuumba Singers of Harvard University on their 35th anniversary; and

WHEREAS: That the City Council go on record congratulating the founders Reverend Dennis Wiley and Reverend Fred Lucas current Director, Sheldon Reid and the current officers and members; and

WHEREAS: Committed to the expression of African American creativity and spirituality through art since its founding in 1970, Kuumba has grown in size, stature and recognition at Harvard, in the cities and towns across the nation and the globe. The group was founded by African American undergraduates who felt the need for a safe space at Harvard in which they could celebrate and pay homage to their culture and heritage. Now they are comprised of many races, creeds, colors, and ethnicities as can be imagined; and

WHEREAS: The Kuumba Singers' membership is over 100 singers strong, making it Harvard University's largest and most dynamic multicultural organization. Under the direction of Mr. Sheldon K.X. Reid, the Kuumba Singers continues to explore and share the rich musical tradition of black culture through African folk songs, Negro spirituals, traditional and contemporary gospel, master choral works, and original compositions. The Kuumba Singers have enjoyed performing for such luminaries as the Honorable Nelson Mandela, President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who once commented to the choir, "What impressed me even more than your mellifluous voices was the extent of the diversity of your membership. That was a splendid visual aid." The Weekend of April 29 – May 1, 2005 marks the 35th Anniversary of the Kuumba Singers of Harvard College and their legacy of music, family and history; now therefore be it

RESOLUTION #96

Congratulations to Kuumba
Singers of Harvard University on
their 35th anniversary.

**Councillor Reeves and entire
membership**

In City Council April 25, 2005

ORDER ADOPTED