



City of Cambridge

R-17.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 6, 2002

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

- WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that the Greater Boston Buddhist Cultural Center will be holding a celebration in honor of Buddha's Birthday; and
- WHEREAS: According to ancient legend, when the Buddha was born, he was bathed in a shower from the heaven. The early disciples of Buddha started the tradition of "Showering the Baby Buddha Ceremony"; and
- WHEREAS: The action of showering the Buddha statue with purified water reminds us to use Buddha's teaching to cleanse our mind, cultivate our wisdom and benefit our society; and
- WHEREAS: This ceremony is not only a 2,000-year-old tradition, but is the most important holiday in Buddhism; and
- WHEREAS: The Showering of the Baby Buddha Ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 19, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. -12 noon; and
- WHEREAS: There will be a keynote speech by Professor Dianna Eck, a renowned religious scholar from Harvard University; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record acknowledging this cultural event and invite all cantabrigians to go and shower the Baby Buddha so they may receive longevity, happiness and prosperity; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Greater Boston Buddhist Cultural Center on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury

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City Clerk

R-766

RESOLUTION #17

Acknowledging the Greater Boston
Buddhist Cultural Center celebration
in honor of Buddha's Birthday on
Sunday, May 19, 2002 from 10:00
a.m. until 12 noon.

**Mayor Sullivan and entire
membership**

In City Council May 6, 2002

ORDER ADOPTED.