



City of Cambridge

27.

IN CITY COUNCIL
March 1, 1999

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

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WHEREAS: Cambridge women of every race, class, ethnicity and of every era of history have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the City, Commonwealth, and Nation; and

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- WHEREAS: Cambridge women have historically provided the majority of the volunteer labor force and established many early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge women have been local and national leaders in the fields of science, medicine, art, architecture, literature, education, social work, business, philosophy, and in many other academic and professional disciplines; and
- WHEREAS: Despite their many contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has designated March as Cambridge Women's History Month, to coincide with National Women's History Month; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That in March of 1999, special recognition is given to the life and works of Harriet A. Jacobs; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge Women's Heritage Project is hereby authorized and requested to issue a proclamation each March, calling upon the women and men of Cambridge to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to the Cambridge Women's Heritage Project on behalf of the entire City Council.

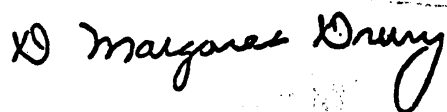
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S HERITAGE PROJECT

CO-SPONSORED BY THE CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S COMMISSION & CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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RESOLVED: ~~That~~ ^{has} the Cambridge City Council ~~re-confirms that~~ *March* ^{is} designated as Cambridge Women's History Month, to coincide with National Women's History Month; ~~and further, be it~~ *now may be it*

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Consent Order #27

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Councillor Triantafillou re: celebrate
Cambridge Woman's History Month by
honoring Harriet A. Jacobs.

In City Council March 1, 1999

ORDER ADOPTED