



City of Cambridge

R-42.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 4, 2001

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

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge proudly claims Kathy and John Roberts as two of its outstanding and exemplary activists and leaders; and
- WHEREAS: Kathy and John Roberts have resided in our city for more than three decades, Kathy and John Roberts, both singularly and as a powerful team, have contributed much to our collective understanding of community, harmony and justice; and
- WHEREAS: John Roberts has served as the Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts since 1970; and
- WHEREAS: A minister by training, John brings to bear a divinely inspired energy on all his work to protect and defend civil liberties and equality under the law; and
- WHEREAS: John Roberts is a fierce opponent of governmental inequity and vigorously opposed the federal Defense of Marriage Act, as well as its offspring at the state level in Massachusetts. Our state's chapter of the ACLU has stood beside the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community on virtually every legal, public policy and electoral struggle we have faced; and
- WHEREAS: When the political movement for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender equality was an infant, the ACLU was the only non-Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender organizational ally that could be counted on to offer substantive support; and
- WHEREAS: Kathy Roberts in 1971 co-founded the Dandelion Pre-School, cited as one of the best centers for early childhood care and education in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: Kathy Roberts counts as her political training grounds the Civil Rights Movement, the women's movement, and worldwide struggles for self determination and justice; and
- WHEREAS: Kathy Roberts brings a keen appreciation for families and independence to her work with young children, helping them to shape their learning environment in a way that reflects their priorities and interests; and
- WHEREAS: Kathy Roberts respects and values all the families that participate in the Dandelion community, welcoming all, nurturing all, and loving all; and

- WHEREAS: Kathy Roberts and the Dandelion Pre-School have become an institution in the City of Cambridge, famous for eschewing traditional holidays for non-traditional, enjoying Kwanzaa instead of Christmas, Rosa Parks Day instead of Columbus Day, Chinese New Year instead of 4th of July, Gay Pride instead of Memorial Day; and
- WHEREAS: Dandelion's students learn an early and crucial lesson about respect for each other by making Gay Pride necklaces, sharing information about their families, and joining Kathy Roberts and other members of the Dandelion community at Cambridge's annual Pride Brunch at City Hall; and
- WHEREAS: Kathy Roberts has been a leader in the area's childcare provider community, advocating tirelessly for increased public funding of childcare so that parents can go to work knowing that their children are well cared for throughout their work day; and
- WHEREAS: Kathy and John Roberts have lived together in loving harmony and struggle for 41 years, they are the parents of three children, each of whom lives what has been learned from their very wonderful parents; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge hereby acknowledges the good works and valuable lives of Kathy and John Roberts, each of whose inspiring leadership vastly improves our city and life for all within it; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge does hereby recognize Saturday, June 9, 2001, as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day, and urges the citizens of Cambridge to recognize this special tribute by joining in the activities of the day and continuing their support for this critical part of our community; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copies of this resolution for presentation to the Cambridge Lavender Alliance and Kathy and John Roberts.

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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

May 31, 2001

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Mayor Galluccio

In City Council June 4, 2001

ORDER ADOPTED