



City of Cambridge

R-31.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 4, 1999

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

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WHEREAS: Since its inception, the Commission has provided information, referral, guidance, coordination and technical assistance to other public agencies and private persons, organizations and institutions engaged in activities and programs intended to eliminate prejudice and discrimination against persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Among its functions the Commission has and will continue to initiate, coordinate, and monitor the enactment of legislation which promotes equal status of persons with disabilities on the city, state, and federal levels, and to insure that appropriate regulations are adopted and enforced pursuant to such legislation, including but not limited to implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and

WHEREAS: America has set a standard for the entire world in enacting into law the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the most comprehensive civil rights legislation in the world for persons with disabilities; and

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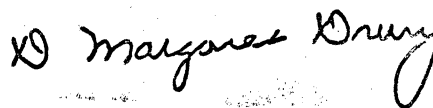
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

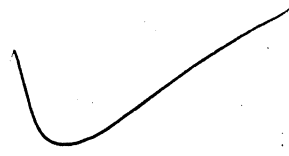
ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
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September 27, 1999
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ORDER ADOPTED