



City of Cambridge

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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

WHEREAS: The Congress passed and the President signed the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA) which dramatically altered the welfare system of this country and created Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); and

WHEREAS: PRWORA assigns governors the lead responsibility for developing and implementing the state's welfare reform plan; and

WHEREAS: The TANF rules provide enormous flexibility in designing programs, fosters the collaboration and involvement of additional parties in the delivery of services and facilitates the movement of families from welfare to work; and

WHEREAS: The success of welfare reform will depend upon the maintenance of resources, collaboration, system building and support from federal, state and local government investing in people in a more significant way so that self-sufficiency is the outcome; and

WHEREAS: Much attention has been paid to the significant reduction in welfare caseloads over the last few years, yet little is known about what has actually happened to people who have come off welfare and whether or not they are self-sufficient; and

WHEREAS: As caseloads drop statewide, cities register much slower rates of decline, leaving many cities with a disproportionate share of hard-to-place recipients; and

WHEREAS: With the drops in caseloads statewide, many states have realized significant savings from state welfare programs; now therefore be it

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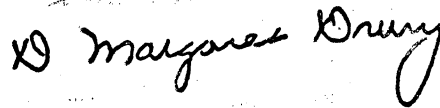
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Mayor Francis H. Duehay

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