

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending congratulations to all of the participating Prince Hall Masons and especially welcoming the Prince Hall Masons who will be in Cambridge on April 24-26, 2004 at the Marriott Hotel; 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 Prince Hall Masons on behalf of the entire City Council.

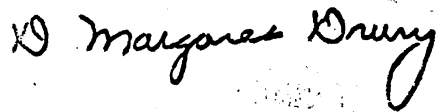
In City Council December 22, 2003.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "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



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

December 22, 2003

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

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that African Lodge No. 459, under the auspices of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, Jurisdiction of Massachusetts, will gather April 23-25, 2004 in Boston to celebrate the Second Annual Reenactment; and

WHEREAS: The Prince Hall Grand Lodge is named in honor of Prince Hall, the Black American patriot who convinced General George Washington to allow him to battle the British and founded the first school for African-American children in the Boston area,

WHEREAS: In the late 1700's, African-Americans (enslaved or free) had few rights; as a Mason, Prince Hall was able to propose significant petitions to the Massachusetts legislature and other bodies, and he presented at least eight petitions, including petitions to abolish the slave trade in Massachusetts, to provide education to Black children and to allow the return of kidnapped Black Africans to Africa; and

WHEREAS: Many Prince Hall Masons from around the world are expected to attend this convention; and

WHEREAS: On April 24, 2004, the convention will honor Black Freemasonry with a reenactment and raising ceremony in Fort Independence on Castle (William) Island, where Prince Hall and fourteen other free Black men were initiated by Lodge No. 441, Irish Constitution, attached to the 38th Regiment of Foot, British Army garrisoned at Castle Island on March 6, 1775; now therefore be it

RESOLUTION #13 1529R

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ORDER ADOPTED