

RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record recognizing Father Tsehai Birhanu for his contributions in sustaining the spiritual and cultural lives of the Ethiopian community in Cambridge; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Father Tsehai Birhanu on behalf of the entire City Council.

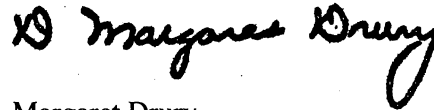
In City Council May 21, 2007.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-120.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 21, 2007

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

WHEREAS: Father Tsehai Birhanu is a devoted spiritual leader of the Ethiopian Christian community who is fluent in Amharis, Geez (Ecclesiastical language), Russian and English; and

WHEREAS: Father Birhanu has composed hymn books for Sunday Schools use, of which he is an active participant in Sunday School Programs; and

WHEREAS: Father Birhanu is a teacher of the following:

Digwa (Collection of different church songs);
Quine (Ethiopian poetry); and
Aquaqam (collection of chants); and

WHEREAS: In 1970 Father Birhanu received his diploma in Amharis Literature from the Theological College, Haile Selassie University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and a Masters Degree in Theology in 1975 from the Leningrad Theological Academy, Leningrad, USSR; and

WHEREAS: Father Birhanu was the Director of the Education Training Department in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 1975 through 1977. He received a certificate of social work in 1978; and

WHEREAS: In 1978 and 1979 he held the position of Administrator at Arsi Archdiocese, Ethiopia. From 1979-1982 he served as the Director of the Youth Department for the Ethiopian Orthodox Church in Addis Ababa; and

WHEREAS: Father Birhanu did his Postgraduate studies at Princeton Theological Seminary and has performed clerical duties for the Immigration Department in New York; and

WHEREAS: Father Birhanu currently served the Ethiopian community as a Head Priest and Administrator of the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahido, Debre Selam Saint Michael Church in Mattapan; now therefore be it

RESOLUTION #120

**Thanks to Father Tsehai Birhanu
for his contributions in sustaining
the spiritual and cultural lives of
the Ethiopian community in
Cambridge
Councillor Galluccio and entire
membership**

**In City Council
May 21, 2007**

ORDER ADOPTED