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IN CITY COUNCIL

Councillor Walsh

December 11, 1989

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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*Order adapted
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