

- WHEREAS: With the election of Senator Barack Obama this nation is close to realizing the hopes and dreams of many who advocated for equal rights and justice in our nation, sacrificing life and limb to ensure that this nation lives up to its creed that all men are created equal, and that our nation is one in which, in the words of Dr. M.L. King that "people are judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character;" now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge congratulates Senator Barack Obama on being elected 44th President of the United States of America; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to President of the United States-elect, Senator Barack Obama of Illinois, on behalf of the entire City Council.

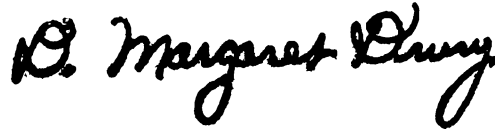
In City Council November 17, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 17, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: Senator Barack Obama of Illinois was elected the 44th President of the United States with 52% of the popular vote and an Electoral College landslide of 349 votes, the first African-American ever to be elected to that position; and

WHEREAS: Senator Obama inspired segments of the US population who have long been alienated from participation in US politics, such as African-Americans and youth, with his message of hope, unity, transparency, and greater accountability in government; and

WHEREAS: Senator Barack Obama, who made history during the primaries by becoming the first African-American nominee for President of the United States, showed patience, poise and stamina in the face of blistering attacks from both Republican and Democratic contenders for the presidency; and

WHEREAS: The election of Senator Barack Obama as President of the United States is a milestone in racial reconciliation in our nation and a major step towards a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS: In the words of Senator Obama: "unless we perfect our union by understanding that we may have different stories, but we hold common hopes; that we may not look the same way and we may not have come from the same place but we all want to move in the same direction towards a better future for our children and grand children;" and

WHEREAS: The election of Senator Obama is evidence that the true strength of our nation comes not from our military might or the scale of our wealth, but from the enduring power of our ideals: democracy, liberty, opportunity, and unyielding hope; and

WHEREAS: The election of Senator Obama is a call for a new spirit of patriotism, service, and responsibility where each of us resolves to work harder and look after each other, affirming our mutual responsibility to stand up for what is a central truth of our shared experience: that our greatness as a nation derives from seemingly ordinary people doing extraordinary things; and

RESOLUTION #4

Congratulations to Senator Barack
Obama on being elected 44th
President of the United States
**Mayor Simmons, Councillor
Decker and entire membership**

**In City Council
November 17, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED