



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

March 17, 2003

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

WHEREAS: March is designated as Cambridge Women's History month to coincide with National Women's History Month, and

WHEREAS: Cambridge women of every race, class, and ethnicity and of every era of history have played and continue to play a critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the City, Commonwealth, and Nation, and

WHEREAS: Cambridge women have been leaders, not only in securing their rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial, the civil rights movement, and other progressive movements, which create a more fair and just society, and

WHEREAS: Despite their many contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked, and undervalued, and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Women's Heritage Project, through on-going programs, initiatives, and research, is working to recognize the remarkable and ordinary women of Cambridge as well as local institutions in which women are leaders in addressing women's issues and acknowledging women's contributions, both past and present, and

WHEREAS: The Heritage Project will celebrate International Women's Day, March 8, 2003 with women poets giving live readings of their work on CCTV's Channel 9 from 1 :00 to 5:00 pm and

WHEREAS: The Heritage Project has singled out for special recognition in 2003 the Kitchen Table Conversations Project, a group of eighteen women affected by state and federal welfare reform who come together every Wednesday night for mutual support and to take action to improve their lives and communities and

WHEREAS: The women of the Kitchen Table have played a leading role in the statewide struggle to preserve the services of MassHealth, the state's Medicaid program providing health care for low-income families which has suffered crippling budget cuts and

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Congratulating the women of The
Kitchen Table Conversations
Project for their personal and
collective courage and
determination to increase options
for women in these difficult times.
**Councillor Decker, Vice Mayor
Davis, Councillor Simmons and
entire membership**

ORDER ADOPTED.

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