



City of Cambridge

R-187.

IN CITY COUNCIL

August 1, 2005

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

- WHEREAS: William Lloyd Garrison was one of the nation's first protestors against slavery; and
- WHEREAS: Garrison was the author/editor of the *Liberator*, an anti-slavery newspaper, where he said "I do not wish to think, or speak, or write with moderation... I am in earnest – I will not equivocate – I will not excuse – I will not retreat a single inch – AND I WILL BE HEARD"; and
- WHEREAS: Garrison was previously the co-editor of The Genius of Universal Emancipation, also an anti-slavery newspaper; and
- WHEREAS: Garrison was unyielding and steadfast in his antislavery beliefs. In 1832 he helped organize the New England Anti-Slavery Society, which later became the American Anti-slavery Society; and
- WHEREAS: These organizations were among the first to promote immediate emancipation; and
- WHEREAS: After the end of the Civil War and President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, Garrison published his last issue of the *Liberator*, which was faithfully written for thirty-five years and 1820 issues; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record expressing its appreciation for the life and work of William Lloyd Garrison and all he did to end slavery and proclaim Saturday August 6, 2005 as William Lloyd Garrison Day in the City of 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 the Garrison family on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
 City Clerk

RESOLUTION #187

Recognition of William Lloyd
Garrison, one of the nation's first
protestors against slavery
and author/editor of the *Liberator*,
as August 6, 2005 is proclaimed as
William Lloyd Garrison Day.

**Mayor Sullivan and entire
membership**

In City Council August 1, 2005

ORDER ADOPTED