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HARVARD SQUARE — 3 CHURCH STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138

The American Indians living in Cambridge have accepted the invitation of the Cambridge Interfaith Thanksgiving Committee to participate in our citywide observance the eve of Thanksgiving, Wednesday, November 25. In addition to attending the service, they will provide the speaker, Mr. Raymond C. Fields, member of the Executive Council of the Harvard Intertribal Council in Cambridge, where 25 American Indians now live.

Candles of Thanksgiving will be lit on Cambridge Common, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Co-Chairmen of events surrounding the lighting of the candles will be the two Ministers of the sister congregations which were one in Pilgrim days:- the Rev. Wells B. Grogan, First Church, Congregational; and the Rev. Ralph N. Helverson, First Church, Unitarian Universalist. Also, the Cambridge High and Latin School Key Club, will participate, and Henry D. Winslow will read a description of the First Thanksgiving contained in a letter by Edward Winslow in 1621.

A procession of the people of the City of Cambridge will then be led by the Cambridge Salvation Army Band from the Cambridge Common to the nearby Memorial Church of Harvard University, in Harvard Yard. Following greetings from the University by the Rev. Charles P. Price, Preacher to the University, Mayor Alfred Vellucci will then read the Governor's Proclamation of Thanksgiving. Other participants in the community Thanksgiving service will be: Rabbi Ben-Zion Gold, Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel Foundation; the Rev. Papkan Maksoudian, Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic Church; and the Rev. John Bryant, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Rev. Ernst Klein will lead the congregation in a Litany of Thanksgiving and Turning, 1970! The Most Rev. Thomas

As people are gathering on Cambridge Common, the Cambridge High and Latin School Key Club will provide a festival of Thanksgiving Folksongs, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Jimmy Smith will sing and also lead everyone in singing, being accompanied by MAX, the CHLS Rock and Soul Band.

The Members of the 1970 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Committee are as follows:

The Hon. Alfred E. Vellucci, Mayor of the City of Cambridge  
The Rev. John Bryant, St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal  
Miss Marie Correia, CHLS Health Career Club  
Mr. Stephen Donohoe, President, CHLS Key Club  
Rabbi Ben-Zion Gold, Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel Foundation  
The Rev. Peter Gomes, Memorial Church, Harvard University  
The Rev. Hansel H. Henry, Massachusetts Avenue Baptist  
The Rev. W. Murray Kenney, Christ Church, Episcopal  
The Rev. Ernst Klein, Old Cambridge Baptist Church  
The Rev. Papken Maksoudian, Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic  
The Rev. Francis J. Mazzeo, Chairman, Central Square Ministers  
The Very Rev. Arthur J. Metaxas, Sts. Constantine and Helen  
Greek Orthodox Church  
The Rev. Charles P. Price, Preacher to the University  
The Most Rev. Thomas J. Riley, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church  
Mrs. Zoya Slive, Director, Cambridge Civic Unity Committee  
The Rev. Herbert F. Vetter, Jr., First Parish in Cambridge  
Chairman of the Committee

As the composition of the committee indicates, we seek to celebrate with gratitude the variety of peoples in the University City and to emphasize our ongoing quest for constructive unity transcending our dividedness. In the same spirit, Cambridge Clergy, elected officials of the city, and American Indians in Cambridge are invited to gather at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church on the Common to vest and form for procession to the Cambridge Common.

Should weather not permit assembly outdoors, the festivities will be conducted, insofar as feasible, indoors at Memorial Church.

PROCLAMATION

# City of Cambridge

Mayor Vellucci

In City Council,  
November 16, 1970.

WHEREAS:-

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WHEREAS:-

The Pilgrim Fathers joined with the American Indians at Plymouth Plantation and worshipped together in a common giving of thanks which has become part of the fabric which has united Americans with their past, with each other and with the future hopes of all mankind, and

WHEREAS:-

It is fitting that we observe this year the traditional feast of Thanksgiving and renew again the spirit of the Pilgrims at their first Thanksgiving in a time in which our city and nation have witnessed many conflicts, and

WHEREAS:-

We recognize today that we live in a world of peril and change and we are all the more grateful for the great gifts of hope and love which sustain us in adversity and inspire us to labor for a more perfect community within this city and within the nation, and

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Clergy representing the many faiths of the City have expressed a desire to hold a public service beginning at the Cambridge Common on the eve of Thanksgiving, on Wednesday, November 25, 1970 at 7:30 P.M. at which service the youth of Cambridge, the American Indians living in Cambridge, Cambridge school children and the citizens of Cambridge will participate and lend their talents to this Thanksgiving Festival, and following the exercises at the Common the people of Cambridge will unite in procession and follow the band to the Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving at the Memorial Church of Harvard University, in the Harvard Yard,

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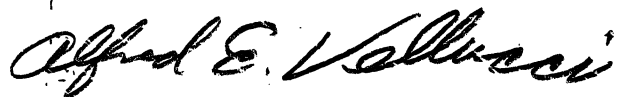
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