

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record expressing its congratulations and best wishes to the Masonic Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the Prince Hall Grand Lodge upon the momentous occasion of the Masonic Recognition Day Celebration on May 10, 2003 at the gravesites of Paul Revere and Prince Hall; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Grand Master David R. Phillips and Grand Master Donald Gardner Hicks on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 5, 2003.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy; 

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
May 5, 2003

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

- WHEREAS: It as come to the attention of the Cambridge City Council that an historic Masonic Recognition Day Celebration will take place on May 10, 2003, as the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge in Massachusetts, comprised mostly of persons of color, and the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, comprised mostly of Caucasian persons, will conduct their first public demonstration of universal brotherhood and recognition; and
- WHEREAS: The Prince Hall Grand Lodge is named in honor of Prince Hall the black American patriot who convinced General George Washington to allow him to battle the British and founded the first school for African American children in the Boston area, as well as the first African American Lodge of Freemasons; and
- WHEREAS: Prince Hall Masons were not accepted into predominantly White Grand Masonic lodges in Massachusetts until 1905, and up until now, acceptance and cooperation have been a private affair; and
- WHEREAS: At the May 10th celebration David R. Phillips, the Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge, will conduct a ceremony of recognition at the gravesite of Paul Revere, who served as Grand Master from 1795 and 1797 and was active in the Lodge of Saint Andrew in Boston at the time the Prince Hall Masons were initiated into Masonry in 1775; and
- WHEREAS: A similar ceremony will then take place at the Copp Hill Burial Ground, at which Grand Master Donald Gardner Hicks will officiate in a ceremony of Brotherhood and Recognition at the gravesite of Past Grandmaster Prince Hall, who served for many years as the Grand Master of the Lodges he was instrumental in organizing during the period of 1791 to his death in 1807; and
- WHEREAS: In addition to the Grand Masters of both Grand Lodges, up 500 Mason Brethren of Boston, Massachusetts and New England will attend this ceremony; now therefore be it

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RESOLUTION #15

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**Councillor Simmons and entire
membership**

ORDER ADOPTED.

In City Council May 5, 2003