



City of Cambridge

R-14.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 24, 2000

MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In 1968, Congress passed the landmark Fair Housing Act – and in so doing declared discrimination in housing illegal; and

WHEREAS: As a result of the Act, and its subsequent amendments, we have made great progress in ensuring access to housing for all, without regard to race, national origin, gender, disability and families with children, or religious persuasion; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Human Rights Commission is empowered by its own Fair Housing Ordinance to incorporate and expand substantive provisions and protection of Title VIII and Section 151B of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts General Laws; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Human Rights Commission has substantive equivalency to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to act as an agent of the federal government in the investigation and resolution of housing discrimination complaints within the City of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Human Rights Commission is sponsoring its Seventh Annual Poster and Essay Contest for Cambridge Public Schools students on the theme of “Opening Doors to Fair Housing in the New Millennium;” and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge Fair Housing Committee is awarding its fifth “Innovations in Fair Housing Award” to Sidney & Cheri Bedrick, Antonio Nardelli, and William Sousa, in recognition of their efforts in promoting affordable housing in Cambridge; and

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WHEREAS: Commissioner Charles E. Walker, Jr. of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, will be this year's Keynote Speaker and Hank Phillippi Ryan, of WHDH, Channel 7, will be the Master of Ceremonies at the reception to be held Tuesday, April 25, 2000 at Cambridge City Hall from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m., and to which all Cambridge residents are invited; now therefor be it

RESOLVED: That this Cambridge City Council does hereby proclaim April, 2000 to be FAIR HOUSING MONTH in the City of Cambridge, and designates the Human Rights Commission and the City of Cambridge Fair Housing Committee, as the official sponsors of activities in the city which promotes said month; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this Cambridge City Council does hereby urge all residents to re-affirm and intensify their commitment to the goal of fair housing opportunity for all.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



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Mayor Galluccio

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Resolution #14

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Mayor Galluccio

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ORDER ADOPTED