

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council reaffirms the significance of March 8th as International Women's Day and the month of March as Women's History Month, and further, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council remember, honor, and thank the women who worked at the Window Shop for their years of service to Cambridge and surrounding communities and for their assistance to the newly immigrated residents who found welcome, resources, and purpose there. On International Women's Day 2004 we salute the grand women of the Window Shop

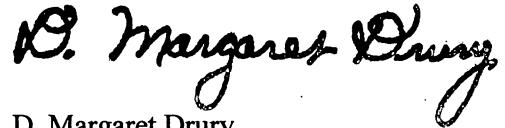
In City Council February 23, 2004.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

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ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 23, 2004

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

- WHEREAS: March is designated as Cambridge Women's History Month, coinciding with National Women's History Month, and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge women of every race, class, ethnicity and age 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 and girls have been leaders, not only in securing their rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist, temperance, industrial labor rights, civil rights, peace, and other progressive movements, which have helped create a more fair and just society, and
- WHEREAS: In 1938, when refugees were arriving in Cambridge from Nazi Germany and Austria to escape the death and labor camps, a group of women organized the Window Shop in rented space on the second floor at 36 Church Street and hired Mary Mohrer, herself a recent immigrant, to direct the operation, which helped the refugees adjust to life in their new country and be able to support themselves and their families, and
- WHEREAS: The project quickly grew from a small consignment store of hand made crafts to a space in which dressmaking, a bakery, and a restaurant blossomed; in the late 40's it became a show case for artisans, craftspeople and designers, and at its height employed 75-100 persons, and
- WHEREAS: The Window Shop provided its employees with referrals for social work and medical assistance and was committed to employing as many women as possible in the Shop, and
- WHEREAS: When First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt visited the Window Shop, she called it a small United Nations, therefore be it

RESOLUTION #66

March 8 is reaffirmed in Cambridge as International Women's Day and the month of March as Women's History Month and thanks to the women who worked at the Window Shop for their years of service to Cambridge and surrounding communities.

Vice Mayor Decker, Councillor Davis and entire membership.

In City Council February 23, 2004

ORDER ADOPTED