

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge welcomes to One Proud Family our friends and guests from the Family Equality Council, and its staff leader Jennifer Chrisler. Family Equality Council envisions a future where all families, regardless of creation or composition, will be able to live in communities that recognize, respect, protect, and celebrate them. FEC wants a country that celebrates a diversity of family constellations and respects individuals for supporting one another and sustaining loving families. The Family Equality Council, founded in 1979 under the name Gay Fathers Coalition, has evolved from a grassroots volunteer chapter-based organization providing support to local gay and lesbian parenting groups into a powerful national non-profit group working across communities and issues and joining forces with other progressive advocacy groups to create meaningful change for all loving families. Like all good parents, Family Equality Council brought a young 'un into the world: Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE) grew out of a program of Family Equality Council and left the nest in 1999 to become a freestanding organization. In its advocacy work, Family Equality Council recognizes and believes that the laws, provisions and ordinances that hurt LGBTQ-headed families also hurt so many others—single parents, blended families, and families of color. Family Equality Council moved into our neighborhood on July 1, 2007 when it relocated its operations to Boston. We welcome them to the Greater Boston area and thank and honor Family Equality Council and Jennifer Chrisler for defending and protecting our human rights to create and compose our families in the many ways that we do and for envisioning a world more safe and more free for all of us.

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge hereby acknowledges the good works and valuable life of Jennifer Chrisler and the Family Equality Council whose work vastly improves our city and life for all within it;

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge does hereby recognize Saturday, June 14, 2008, as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day, and urges the citizens of Cambridge to recognize this special tribute by joining in the activities of the day and continuing their support for this critical part of our community; and be it further;

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copies of this resolution for presentation to Jennifer Chrisler and the Family Equality Council.

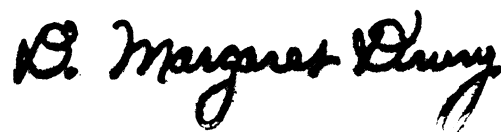
In City Council June 9, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven 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

June 9, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The people of Cambridge are proud of all members of our community and have made a strong commitment to civil rights and to building good relationships amongst us; and

WHEREAS: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day commemorates the Stonewall Rebellion in June 1969 when a routine police raid on the Stonewall Inn was vigorously and famously resisted by drag queens and bull dykes; and

WHEREAS: June 2008 marks the 39th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is spotlighted by the city's exemplary leadership in celebrating the freedom to marry for same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is further proclaimed by the official inauguration of the city-wide advisory body called the Cambridge GLBT Commission, brought into service on April 21, 2005;

WHEREAS: The Mayor's Office will host the Eighteenth Annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day Celebration by holding a community breakfast and awards ceremony at Cambridge City Hall on Saturday, June 14, 2008; and

RESOLUTION #25

That the City Council recognize
June 14, 2008 as the official
Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
and Transgender Pride Day with a
special tribute to Jennifer Chrisler
and the Family Equality Council
**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
June 9, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED