



City of Cambridge

R-38.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 20, 2000

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

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WHEREAS: The United States Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) has an established policy of presuming all Genetically Engineered (GE) foods to be "generally regarded as safe" because they are "the same as or substantially similar to substances commonly found in food;" and

WHEREAS: The US FDA has established a program of voluntary consultation for agricultural producers of GE foods which results in safety testing that is summarized, but is not presented in full, is not publicly available, and is not peer reviewed; and

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WHEREAS: The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) allows passive notification of outdoor field testing of new genetically engineered crops with no active approval or review required; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk forward a copy of this order to the US EPA, the USDA, and the US FDA asking that these agencies institute a consumer product labeling requirement for GE foods and that these agencies develop a mandatory testing and review process for newly proposed GE foods; and be it further

RESOLVED: That, towards this goal, we declare: March 26, 2000 as YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT DAY in the City of Cambridge.

In City Council March 20, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

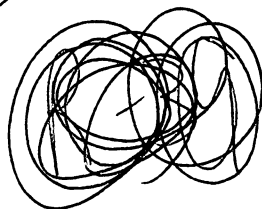
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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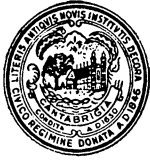
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Mayor Galluccio

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ORDER ADOPTED