



City of Cambridge

7.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 4, 1981

VICE-MAYOR LEONARD J. RUSSELL

- WHEREAS: For hundreds of years, Ireland has been divided by political strife rooted in the religious differences between the Catholic population of the Republic of Ireland and the Protestant population of Northern Ireland; and
- WHEREAS: The British presence in Ireland represents one of the last remaining "colonies" of the former British Empire, which awarded large tracts of Ulster County (now Northern Ireland) to English Earls and Dukes in exchange for their loyalty to the crown; and
- WHEREAS: These new British landlords brought Scottish - English immigrants to work the farmlands and factories of Northern Ireland and put the native Irish out of their land and jobs thereby laying the foundation for the civil unrest that has been building against the British for so long; and
- WHEREAS: Ending the hunger strike by Bobby Sands, George Hughes, and other Irish prisoners may be the last chance for the British Parliament to prevent a Civil War in Ireland; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That this City Council go on record urging the British Parliament to grant "political status" to the Irish hunger strikers as the only way to prevent a full-scale war in Ireland; and further be it
- RESOLVED: That the people of the City of Cambridge, where the Revolutionary War against British tyranny began, recognize and support the home rule efforts of the Irish people in freeing themselves today from a similar British tyranny.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 7 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Paul E. Healy', written over the printed name of the City Clerk.

Order # 7 - 237

VM Russell re: political status for Bobby
Sands.

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Order Adopted

Members