



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

February 24, 1992

COUNCILLOR WALSH
MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR CYR
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR WOLF

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WHEREAS: Against very heavy odds, the waves of Irish immigrants melded well into American society and uplifted its quality with their strength of spiritual faith, dedication to family and commitment to hard work. Now it is their heirs' turn to provide opportunity to today's new immigrants to meld in and not be forced to melt down the special cultural, religious and ethnic qualities which set them apart and will add an added richness to the melding mix we know as America; and

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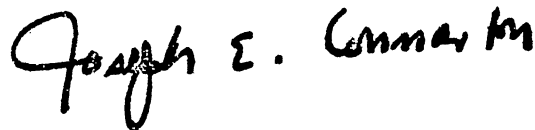
In City Council February 24, 1992.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph E. Connarton". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Joseph E. Connarton
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William H. Walsh
City Councillor

BY HAND

February 10, 1992

MEMORANDUM:

TO: Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

FROM: David Noonan, for *DN*
Councillor Walsh

RE: Council Resolution (CONSENT AGENDA)
for Council Session of February 24, 1992

Councillor Walsh requests that the enclosed Council Resolution regarding celebration of IRISH HERITAGE DAYS in Cambridge be included in the CONSENT AGENDA at the Council Session of February 24, 1992.

As you will note, the Resolution is two (2) pages in length.

Your usual courtesy and cooperation are much appreciated.

(ENCLOSURE)

CC: Councillor Walsh



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Entire membership
Consent Order # 4 *5-142*
McCarthy Walsh
Councillor Walsh resolutions on Irish
Heritage Days in Cambridge.

In City Council,

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Order adopted