

WHEREAS: Violence against women by their intimate partners is the leading cause of injury to women, responsible for more injuries than car crashes, rape, and muggings combined; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record proclaiming the month of October 2008 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Cambridge Massachusetts; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging residents to be cognizant of and participate in the Break the Silence Rally and candlelight vigil on October 6, 2008 on the steps of City Hall, now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Domestic Violence Free Zone Initiative at Cambridge Public Health Department on behalf of the entire City Council.

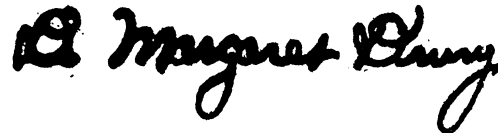
In City Council October 6, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-36.

IN CITY COUNCIL

October 6, 2008

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
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COUNCILLOR KELLEY
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VICE MAYOR MURPHY
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WHEREAS: Thirty-one women, men, and children in Massachusetts have lost their lives to domestic violence so far in 2008; and

WHEREAS: Domestic Violence is perpetrated by individuals identifying as either male or female against persons of either gender identity, and happens in heterosexual and homosexual relationships, and occurs in romantic as well as non-romantic and family relationships including the young, middle-aged, and senior citizens; and

WHEREAS: Nearly one in ten high school aged girls in Cambridge experienced dating violence in the past year; and

WHEREAS: Around the world, one in three women will be abused in her lifetime; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 43,000 children a year in Massachusetts are exposed to abuse and violence between family members; and

WHEREAS: Estimates show that one out of every 12 women and one out of every 45 men in the U.S. are stalked in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS: For every one case of elder abuse reported to authorities, it's estimated that five more go unreported; and

WHEREAS: Abuse is more common for pregnant women than gestational diabetes or pre-eclampsia—conditions for which women are routinely screened; and

RESOLUTION #36

Urge residents to be cognizant of
and participate in the Break the
Silence Rally and vigil on October
6, 2008

**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
October 6, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED