



City of Cambridge

64.

MAYOR WOLF

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 5, 1990

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- WHEREAS: Alcohol- and drug-dependent women suffer from an illness that puts them and their children at great risk for psychosocial and physical risk; and
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- WHEREAS: The health and well-being of the women of this city and this state are vital to the economic, social, and family fabric of the City of Cambridge; and
- WHEREAS: The Women's Substance Abuse Task Force of the Governor's Alcohol and Drug Advisory Council has organized a series of events during the week of November 12-18 at substance abuse facilities and social service agencies throughout the Commonwealth to publicize the needs of women with substance abuse problems and to promote the availability of comprehensive treatment to them in this city and state; now therefore be it
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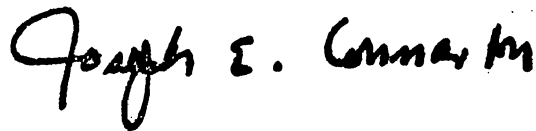
In City Council November 5, 1990.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph E. Connarton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Joseph E. Connarton
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Order adopted