

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council congratulates the United Nations on the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and wishes the IAPMC a successful and productive General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the International Association of Peace Messenger Cities on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council November 17, 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.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

November 17, 2008

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
VICE MAYOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SEIDEL
MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: The International Association of Peace Messenger City's (IAPMC) will be holding its General Assembly in Sochi, Russian Federation, from November 12th to November 16th, 2008; and

WHEREAS: The IAPMC's 2008 General Assembly will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

WHEREAS: In the spirit of honoring the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Cambridge City Council would like to draw specific attention to the need for increased human rights monitoring in place of detention across the globe; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council follows the lead of United States President-Elect Barak Obama in condemning the use of unlawful detention centers and practices as exemplified by his commitment to close the Guantanamo Bay Detention Camp; and

WHEREAS: With the understanding that torture is impermissible under any circumstances, including war, public emergency, or terrorist threat, the Cambridge City Council encourages other cities' officials to publicly advocate for increased human rights monitoring of places of detention located within their own countries and internationally; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council is specifically advocating for municipalities to petition their countries' governments to sign onto the United Nations' Optional Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record encouraging all city officials to take an active role in the prevention of torture within their countries by supporting human rights monitoring in places of detention; and be it further

RESOLUTION #6

Urge City officials to take an active
role in the prevention of torture by
supporting human rights
monitoring in places of detention.
**Councillor Decker and entire
membership**

**In City Council
November 17, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED