



# City of Cambridge

49.

## IN CITY COUNCIL

June 20, 1994

MAYOR REEVES  
 COUNCILLOR BORN  
 COUNCILLOR DUEHAY  
 COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN  
 COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU  
 COUNCILLOR WALSH

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WHEREAS: On July 4, 1776 the Declaration of Independence announced the birth of these United States, and signaled the beginning of an American Revolution committed to principles of democracy; and

WHEREAS: Before and during the American Revolution only white male property owners could vote, and for over 200 years the struggle continued to extend the vote to non-property owners, African-Americans, women, and the poor whose right to vote was tied to payment of unfair poll taxes; and

WHEREAS: The "Motor Voter" Law is a continuation of the Revolution's principles of democracy, inasmuch as it promotes full voting participation; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is committed both to the principles of democracy upon which this nation was founded, and to full voter participation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this Cambridge City Council does hereby proclaim the week beginning July 3, 1994 and ending July 9, 1994 to be "Motor Voter" Week in the City of Cambridge.

In City Council June 20, 1994.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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Consent Order #49

R-431

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