



City of Cambridge

R-5.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 9, 2001

MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DECKER
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to several non-profit groups who deserve acknowledgement for their valuable service, among them the Cambridge Dispute Settlement Center, Inc., Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School, Cambridge Middle Grades Peer Mediation, Harvard Mediation Program, Middlesex MultiDoor Courthouse, and the MIT Campus Program; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge thus has the benefit of a broad range of mediation services provided by trained mediators, including over 150 volunteer mediators; and

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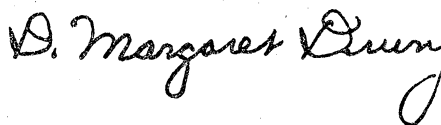
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

For April 9th

April 2, 2001

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MAYOR GALLUCCIO

The Clerk is hereby requested to prepare a suitable order on Mediation Week April 23-30, 2001.

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

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Mayor Galluccio

In City Council April 9, 2001

ORDER ADOPTED