

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge does hereby recognize Saturday, June 14, 2008, as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day, and urges the citizens of Cambridge to recognize this special tribute by joining in the activities of the day and continuing their support for this critical part of our community; and be it further;

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copies of this resolution for presentation to Joanne Shapiro.

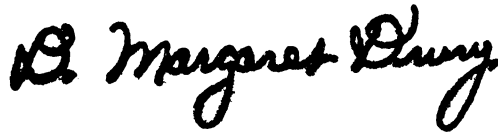
In City Council June 9, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven 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

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge welcomes to One Proud Family our friend and guest Joanne Shapiro, Training Coordinator of the Cambridge Police Academy. In her official role as coordinator of police training programs for the City of Cambridge, Joanne has planned and directed GLBT training sessions for our city's finest in 2007 and in 2008. Following several years of work to secure these trainings and a City Council order to expend Police Department resources, Joanne recruited members of the Gay Officers Action League (GOAL) to present 12 training sessions to 260 Cambridge police officers. The trainings include historical background on the relationship of the GLBT community and policing agencies, taking the trainees all the way back to bar raids and the Stonewall Riots. Officers learn that language makes a difference and are encouraged to use phrases like "sexual orientation" and "gender expression." GOAL members share their own experiences as openly gay police officers, underscoring the axiom that police officers learn best from police officers. Outcomes from these very important trainings include: a better understanding on the part of police personnel about the lives of GLBT people; making better connections between the Cambridge Police Department and GLBT communities; and putting a human face on GLBT people for police officers. Joanne began her work at the Cambridge Police Department in November 2004. She moved to the Boston area in the early 1970s to pursue a Masters in Social Work at Boston University and after two decades as a social worker in private practice, she made a career move to training development. Joanne is an avid photographer, clicking away to capture the magic of the ordinary and the extraordinary. She hikes, loves the beach and when snow is on the ground, straps on cross country skis for a zoom through the country. Joanne is an active member of the Siddha Yoga Meditation community and practices meditation as often as she can. We honor and thank Joanne Shapiro for her work to bring a higher understanding of our lives and communities to our City's police officers and for creating a world more safe and more free for all of us. We honor and thank the members of Gay Officers Action League for bringing the truth and reality of their lives and ours to the officers in the Cambridge Police Department.

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge hereby acknowledges the good works and valuable life of Joanne Shapiro whose work at the Cambridge Police Department vastly improves our city and life for all within it;



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 9, 2008

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

- WHEREAS: The people of Cambridge are proud of all members of our community and have made a strong commitment to civil rights and to building good relationships amongst us; and
- WHEREAS: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day commemorates the Stonewall Rebellion in June 1969 when a routine police raid on the Stonewall Inn was vigorously and famously resisted by drag queens and bull dykes; and
- WHEREAS: June 2008 marks the 39th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion; and
- WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is spotlighted by the city's exemplary leadership in celebrating the freedom to marry for same-sex couples; and
- WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is further proclaimed by the official inauguration of the city-wide advisory body called the Cambridge GLBT Commission, brought into service on April 21, 2005;
- WHEREAS: The Mayor's Office will host the Eighteenth Annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day Celebration by holding a community breakfast and awards ceremony at Cambridge City Hall on Saturday, June 14, 2008; and

RESOLUTION #29

That the City Council recognize
June 14, 2008 as the official
Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual
and Transgender Pride Day with a
special tribute to Joanne Shapiro
**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
June 9, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED