

- WHEREAS: We wish also today to extend congratulations and first anniversary greetings to Garrett Simonsen and Dean Gendron on the occasion of their marriage, which took place on May 20, 2004; and
- WHEREAS: These five wonderful staff leaders and many others who contributed to the Celebration of Marriage Equality on May 17, 2004 will be treated to a catered lunch in the coming weeks. *Bon Appetit!*; and
- RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge hereby acknowledges the good works and valuable lives of City Manager Robert Healy, City Clerk Margaret Drury, Assistant City Clerk Donna Lopez, City Council Staff Sandra Albano, Mayor's Chief of Staff Garrett Simonsen each of whose inspiring leadership vastly improves our city and life for all within it;
- RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge does hereby recognize Saturday, June 11, 2005, 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 the Cambridge Lavender Alliance, Ruth Orme-Johnson, City Manager Robert Healy, City Clerk Margaret Drury, Assistant City Clerk Donna Lopez, City Council Staff Sandra Albano, and Mayor's Chief of Staff Garrett Simonsen.

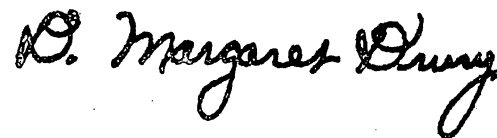
In City Council June 6, 2005.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk



WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge hosted a Celebration of Marriage Equality, an internationally televised celebration on the historic occasion of the issuance of our nation's first fully legal licenses to marry to same-sex couples, commencing at 12:01 AM on May 17, 2004. We now gather to thank and praise some of our city staff leaders who made that event sparkle and snap; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Lavender Alliance and the 227 couples who took intentions to marry in the wee hours of May 17, 2004 and the 10,000 cheering supporters who gathered to witness the historic occasion all wish to appreciate and lift up City Manager Robert Healy, City Clerk Margaret Drury, Assistant City Clerk Donna Lopez, City Council Staff Sandra Albano, Mayor's Chief of Staff Garrett Simonsen; and

WHEREAS: Thank you, City Manager Bob Healy, for your attention to each and every detail of the Celebration of Marriage Equality, from handling auto and human traffic to overseeing press relations to ensuring that the city's first and most important priority was to allow qualified couples access to our now constitutionally guaranteed right to marry. It is impossible to thank you, Mr. Healy, for everything that you did that famous night because surely none of us knows exactly what and how much you did, but suffice to say, the Celebration of Marriage Equality would not have happened without you. We know that you slept little, if at all, on that special night and we also know that as much as you may have wanted to take a nap, your sense of duty to see us all step up to the Clerk's desk overrode any fatigue. Thank you, Bob; and

WHEREAS: Thank you, City Clerk Margaret Drury and Assistant City Clerk Donna Lopez, for your careful, scrupulous and utterly delightful administration of the duties of the Clerk's office, both on that famous night just over a year ago and on each and every day before and since then. Your leadership of the Clerk's office staff shines through in every transaction completed. Your hospitality and warm welcomes to all of us who couldn't quite believe that we were really going to be able to procure licenses to marry was reassuring and very supportive. Your encouraging presence through a very long night never wavered and never flagged and still, you opened the Clerk's office promptly later that same morning. We are all proud to know that in the past year, 636 same-sex couples received your excellent tender loving care and marriage licenses at Cambridge City Hall, 10% of all licenses issued to same-sex couples in the United States. And of course, you have personally presided over the marriages of dozens and dozens and dozens of our people. Thank you, Margaret and Donna; and

WHEREAS: Thank you, City Council Staff Sandra Albano and Mayor Michael Sullivan's Chief of Staff Garrett Simonsen, for all that you did to prepare and plan for a celebration far larger than any of us predicted. With aplomb and precision, Sandra and Garrett led the team that managed the media, buffed the building, decorated the hallways, secured the beautiful wedding cake, poured the sparkling beverages, sang the songs and made the speeches as many of us prepared to dance at our weddings. City Hall looked great, not only because it overflowed with exuberance and high spirits, but also because Sandra, Garrett and each and every other staff working in the building that night greeted us all with laudatory messages and smiles through a very long night. Thank you, Sandra and Garrett; and





# City of Cambridge

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## IN CITY COUNCIL

June 6, 2005

MAYOR SULLIVAN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
VICE MAYOR DECKER  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR MAHER  
COUNCILLOR MURPHY  
COUNCILLOR REEVES  
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS  
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 ensuring that our community continues to build and maintain good relationships amongst us; and

WHEREAS: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day commemorates the Stonewall Rebellion that is considered the beginning of the Lesbian and Gay Liberation Movement, an evening in June 1969 when a routine police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar on Christopher Street in New York's Greenwich Village, was vigorously and famously resisted by drag queens and bull dykes; and

WHEREAS: June 2005 marks the 36th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, our Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is spotlighted by the city's exemplary leadership in celebrating with all the newly won freedom to marry for same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, our Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is further proclaimed by the official inauguration of a new city-wide advisory body called the Cambridge GLBT Commission, brought into service on April 21, 2005; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Lavender Alliance, the Cambridge Employee Diversity Committee, and the Mayor's Office will host the Fifteenth Annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day Celebration by holding a community breakfast and awards ceremony at Cambridge City Hall on Saturday, June 11, 2005; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge and all members of the Cambridge Rindge and Latin School have benefited enormously from the leadership of Ruth Orme-Johnson, Class of 2005. Ruth is honored on this day with the Rose Lipkin Award, an annual recognition of a student at CRLS who has cultivated a safer and healthier environment for LGBT and questioning people. We wish her good luck in her bright and shining future; and

**RESOLUTION #91**

Recognition of Saturday, June 11,  
2005, as Cambridge Lesbian, Gay,  
Bisexual and Transgender Pride  
Day

**Mayor Sullivan and entire  
membership**

**In City Council June 6, 2005**

**ORDER ADOPTED**