

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Peace Commission will be holding the Eleventh Cambridge Peace and Justice Awards Dinner – honoring an amazing set of individuals and groups for their contributions to peacemaking in our city – on Sunday, November 16, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire St., Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council does recognize and congratulate The Boston Area Rape Crisis Center for all of its efforts; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to send a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Cambridge Peace Commission to be presented to representatives of the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center at the Eleventh Cambridge Peace and Justice Awards Dinner on behalf of the entire City Council.

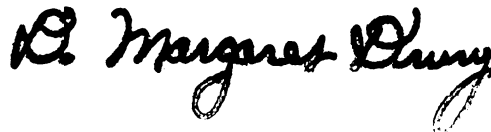
In City Council November 17, 2008.

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 with a large initial "D".

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

R-12.

IN CITY COUNCIL

November 17, 2008

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

WHEREAS: Cambridge is home to many who use their time, talents, and energies to create more just, peaceful, and safe communities; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge has many organizations and individuals promoting issues of peace and justice both locally and globally. This important work is done in a variety of ways and on a range of issues—from people who work for peace in families, schools, congregations, and neighborhoods to those working across the United States and internationally; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Peace Commission has created Peace and Justice Awards which, recognize individuals and organizations in Cambridge working for peace and social justice by soliciting the nominations of people or programs that build bridges among people, those who stand for peace and justice initiatives particularly in these times of conflict, war, and divisions, and who may be lifelong peace and justice makers, as well as those among us whose daily lives may be inspirations to their community; and

WHEREAS: The **Boston Area Rape Crisis Center (BARCC)** has been chosen by the Cambridge Peace Commission from among more than fifty nominees to receive a Peace and Justice Award for its work that began thirty-five years ago as a small project at the Cambridge Women's Center begun by a group of vibrant and audacious women. This has made BARCC a beacon of help, hope, and healing and social transformation to women, men, children and communities that have been impacted by sexual violence, and that had made it a model locally, nationally and internationally, and that has grown to a huge staff and countless volunteers working closely with other Cambridge-based groups such as the Cambridge Women's Commission, the Cambridge Police Department, and the District Attorney's Office. The Center provides services such as providing a "24/7 hotline" and hospital accompaniment coverage to those who have suffered the effects of sexual assault to those in immediate need, while also fulfilling its larger social mission of educating the public about the myths and facts about sexual assault, training providers both locally and across the globe, being on the forefront of legislative and policy change, providing immediate responses to the media in their treatment of victims or portrayal of sexual violence, and continuing to grow to meet the new needs that may present themselves

RESOLUTION #12

Congratulations to the Boston Area
Rape Crisis Center on receiving a
Peace and Justice Award on
November 16, 2008
**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
November 17, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED