

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to members of the Digital Divide Committee with heartfelt appreciation for their work on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council April 28, 2008.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine 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

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 28, 2008

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

WHEREAS: A Pilot Project to Bridge the Digital Divide grew out of a council order in 2006 which saw the City Manager's appointment of a Digital Divide Committee charged with finding ways to address barriers to internet access ; and

WHEREAS: The Digital Divide Committee surveyed many projects that provide computers, training, technical support and internet access to students and households and documented the pros and cons of program models in relation to the outcome goals of the committee, further detailing a plan and proposal to help bridge the digital divide in low-income households; and

WHEREAS: The Digital Divide Committee consisted of City Agencies, the Rindge School of Technical Arts, Cambridge Community Television, Tutoring Plus, the Cambridge Housing Authority, the Community Learning Center, other non-profits, and concerned individuals from throughout Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: To date the pilot project has provided refurbished computers, training, and technical support to 35 families in Newtowne Court, allowing them to access the City's wireless network; and

WHEREAS: The innovative pilot project for Bridging the Digital Divide is seeking continued funding to further develop the capacity of pilot participants; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council goes on record as expressing their appreciation to the members of the Digital Divide Committee and to participating students from the Rindge School of Technical Arts for the hard work on behalf of individuals and households in Cambridge effected by lack of access to technology; and therefore be it further

RESOLUTION #56

Appreciation to the Digital Divide
Committee and participating CRLS
students for their work on behalf of
households in Cambridge affected
by lack of access to technology
**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
April 28, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED