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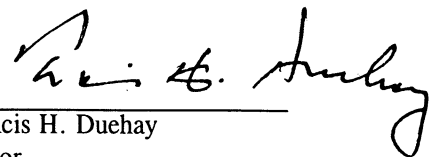
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Francis H. Duehay
Mayor

November 6, 1998

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS: Thanksgiving is a tradition that transcends both cultures and continents; and
- WHEREAS: Many Asian countries have for centuries held festivals in gratitude for the rice harvests each year; in Africa, many tribal expressions of gratitude are found in ancient prayers; in South America, many of the native Indian cultures contain expressions of gratitude and thanksgiving; in the British Isles and Europe, the harvest thanksgiving is observed; and in this very region, Algonquin tribes held six thanksgiving festivals during the year for each significant planting and harvesting period; and
- WHEREAS: Thanksgiving is traditionally a time for us to reflect and assess all to which we are beholden; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has much for which to be thankful; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is at its best when we come together in unity; and
- WHEREAS: The Communities of Faith in our City are vital to our common life; and
- WHEREAS: As citizens we are called to heal our divisions, to work for genuine unity and to cherish our diversity; and
- WHEREAS: All congregations and fellowships are invited to join together on Sunday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. at the Memorial Church at Harvard University to observe together our unity in celebration of the feast of Thanksgiving; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That Sunday, November 22, 1998 be designated as Unity Sunday in Cambridge; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That all citizens of Cambridge, students and faculties of our institutions, both members and non-members of our faith communities, be encouraged to join for this service and that we raise up together our offerings and thanks for the blessings and opportunities we have been given in this wonderful City.


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Communications and Reports from City Officers

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A communication was received from Mayor
Francis H. Duehay transmitting a
Thanksgiving Proclamation.

In City Council November 16, 1998.

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