

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record proclaiming the month of October 2007 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of Cambridge, Massachusetts; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record urging residents to be cognizant of and participate in the Break the Silence Rally and candlelight vigil on October 1, 2007, 6:00 pm on the steps of City Hall.

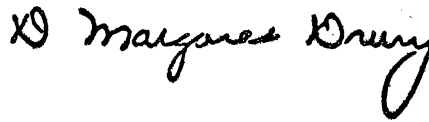
In City Council October 15, 2007.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 15, 2007

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

- WHEREAS: In 2007 thus far, in the state of Massachusetts we have already lost 35 people to domestic violence related-homicide, or almost one person per week; and
- WHEREAS: From January to October 1, 2007 there were 567 domestic reports filed by the Cambridge Police Department. Although it is also estimated that for each report received 33 percent of domestic crimes go unreported; and
- WHEREAS: An estimated 1.3 million women are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner each year; and
- WHEREAS: The costs of Intimate Partners exceed \$5.8 billion each year, 4.1 billion of which is for direct medical and mental health care services, much of which is paid for by employers; and
- WHEREAS: One in five public high school students in Massachusetts report experiencing physical and/or sexual violence; and
- WHEREAS: Ninety-two percent of homeless women experienced severe physical and/or sexual assault at some point in their lifetime; and
- WHEREAS: Violence against women by their intimate partners is *the leading cause of injury* to women, responsible for more injuries than car crashes, rape, and muggings combined; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge is a Domestic Violence-Free Zone and has a city-wide approach to preventing this crime, we must continue to challenge domestic violence in families and relationships; now therefore be it

RESOLUTION #10

**Proclaim the month of October
2007 as Domestic Violence
Awareness Month in the City of
Cambridge and urge residents to
be cognizant of the Break the
Silence Rally and vigil held on
October 1, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor Reeves and entire
membership**

**In City Council
October 15, 2007**

ORDER ADOPTED