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MAYOR GALLUCCIO *ad*

WHEREAS The Federal Government has identified a "Digital Divide" where many people, particularly low-income families, are being left behind as computer knowledge and access grows among the larger population; and

WHEREAS President Clinton has said that "that there is a growing digital divide between those who have access to the digital economy and the Internet and those who don't, and that the divide exists along the lines of education, income, region and race;" and

WHEREAS The Federal government has challenged companies in technology fields to help bridge this digital divide and increase access to the very information technology that is transforming our economy to all Americans without regard to education, income, region, class, or race; and

WHEREAS NorthPoint Communications Group, a San Francisco based company, has taken the initiative to meet the challenge of bridging the digital divide by providing free high speed DSL service to more than 800 computer centers in US Department of Housing and Urban Development supported facilities across the country;

WHEREAS NorthPoint Communications Group, Inc. has donated DSL service to CTCNet, a Cambridge-based non-profit organization that serves a network of more than 400 community technology centers across the United States and across the world; and

WHEREAS Several Community Technology Centers in Cambridge are part of CTCNet's network including the centers' at 402 Rindge Avenue, Cambridge Community Television, CitySkills, East End House/Keeping Kids on Track, and Margaret Fuller House; and

WHEREAS The donation of this service will help CTCNet better serve members of its network support efforts to bring computer education and opportunities to low and moderate income families in Cambridge and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS An open house to celebrate the public-private partnership between NorthPoint Communications Group and CTCNet will be held at noon on Thursday, October 19, 2000; now therefor be it

RESOLVED That this City Council thank NorthPoint Communication Group, Inc. for its effort to bridge the digital divide and provide access to high-speed internet service to low and moderate income families; and be it further

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RESOLVED That this City Council welcome CTCNet to Cambridge and congratulate CTCNet on the receipt of this donation of high speed DSL service and thank CTCNet for the organizations efforts to provide technical and computer skills to all people; and be it further

RESOLVED That the City Clerk prepare suitably engrossed copies of this resolution to be presented by the Mayor to NorthPoint Communications Group, Inc. and to CTCNet at the open house to be held on October 19, 2000 at noon.



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IN CITY COUNCIL

October 16, 2000

MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
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VICE MAYOR MAHER
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Mayor Galluccio and entire membership

In City Council October 16, 2000

ORDER ADOPTED