

- WHEREAS: Massachusetts Senator Edward M. Kennedy and the Massachusetts State Senate have recently called upon British Prime Minister Tony Blair to schedule elections; and
- WHEREAS: Fifteen members of the United States House of Representatives, including six from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have called upon British Prime Minister Tony Blair to schedule elections as soon as possible; and
- WHEREAS: Irish Taoiseach Bertie Ahern, U.S. Special Envoy to Ireland Richard Haas, Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams and Social Democratic Labor Party Leader Mark Durkan have called for elections this fall, now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council go on record calling for free and democratic elections in Northern Ireland; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to British Prime Minister Tony Blair, British Ambassador to the United States, Sir David Manning, and the British Consul to Boston, General George Ferguson, the National Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Irish-American Unity Conference on behalf of the entire City Council.

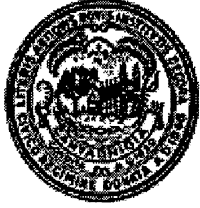
In City Council October 20, 2003
Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk

A true copy;



ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
October 20, 2003

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

- WHEREAS: The right to vote is the fundamental linchpin of the democratic process and open, fair, and timely elections are vital to the maintenance of a democratic society; and
- WHEREAS: The Northern Ireland Peace Process was designed to promote the principles of democracy by creating the Northern Ireland Assembly as a cross-community political institution whose members are directly elected by the people; and
- WHEREAS: Despite setbacks, significant progress has been made in recent years towards a peaceful and permanent resolution to the conflict in Northern Ireland; and
- WHEREAS: The cancellation of the May 29, 2003 elections sent a negative message to a society that has aspirations of becoming exclusively democratic and the manifestation of trust in a democratic society is a date certain for an election; and
- WHEREAS: British Prime Minister Tony Blair's decision to suspend the democratic elections in Northern Ireland contradicts the efforts of the United Nations, the United States and other democratic nations to ensure free elections around the world; and
- WHEREAS: The indefinite suspension of elections and the suspension of the Northern Ireland Assembly leaves the people of Northern Ireland in political limbo, with no democratic venue for expressing their rights and preferences about governing their own country; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA, which has a significant percentage of residents with Irish ancestry, has displayed a longstanding concern and commitment to the peaceful resolution of the Troubles in Northern Ireland; and

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ORDER #13

Requesting the Council to go on
record calling for free and democratic
elections in Northern Ireland.

**Mayor Sullivan and entire
membership**

~~In City Council September 29, 2003~~

NO ACTION TAKEN

In City Council October 20, 2003

ORDER ADOPTED