

RESOLVED: That the members of the Cambridge City Council express their congratulations to the Ethiopian Community in Cambridge on behalf of the entire City, acknowledging the social, economic and political contributions Ethiopians have made to the City of Cambridge; and therefore be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Samuel Gebru, the Founder of the Ethiopian American Youth Initiative and to Bethlehem Solomon, the Boston Branch Representative of the Ethiopian American Youth Initiative on behalf of the entire City Council.

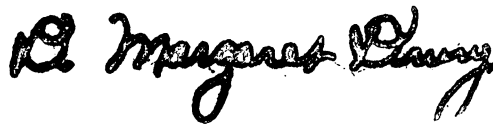
In City Council September 8, 2008.

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", written over a horizontal line.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

September 8, 2008

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

- WHEREAS: On September 11, 2008 Ethiopia will be celebrating the beginning of the New Year of 2001; and
- WHEREAS: The People of Ethiopia, both within and abroad, have come together to celebrate the Third Millennium of Ethiopia which was conducted during a year-long celebration from September 11, 2007 to September 11, 2008; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is blessed to be a melting pot of the world's cultures which also gives the city the great distinction of being host to the highest concentration of Ethiopians in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and
- WHEREAS: Ethiopia follows a unique calendar based on the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church's belief that the world was created 5,500 years before the birth of Christ and according to the Ethiopic Calendar the world is now 7,500 years old;
- WHEREAS: Ethiopia's calendar consists of 12 months of 30 days and a 13th month of 5 days, or 6 on a leap year and the New Year is on Meskerem 1, which is equivalent to September 11 on the Gregorian Calendar; and
- WHEREAS: Ethiopia is Africa's oldest, independent and continuously surviving nation which has held the torch of African unity and has maintained its own alphabet, numerical system and calendar which continues to preserve the cultural and historical integrity of the Ethiopian people; and
- WHEREAS: The Ethiopian Millennium was hailed as the African Millennium and endorsed by both the United Nations and African Union as a continental, and global, celebration which would initiate the pursuit of an "Ethiopian Renaissance"; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge is cooperating with the US-based youth organization the Ethiopian American Youth Initiative to commemorate the Ethiopian New Year of 2001 in order to show solidarity with our Ethiopian friends and neighbors in the City of Cambridge; now therefore be it

RESOLUTION #29

Congratulations and thanks to the
Ethiopian community in
Cambridge for their contributions
to the city as they celebrate the
beginning of the New Year of 2001
**Mayor Simmons and entire
membership**

**In City Council
September 8, 2008**

ORDER ADOPTED