

Equal Times, In These Times, The Guardian, and On Our Backs. Her photographs show us what we look like, who we are and how we change the world. Susan, with Ellen Grabiner, is the proud co-parent of their son Alex Grabiner, a student at New York University. An escapee of Sarasota, Florida at age 16, Susan attended the New England School of Photography in 1976. She is a returning photographer and a fallen-away runner who hopes to return to that activity as well. A devoted sun worshipper, Susan's favorite position is on her back at Longnook Beach in Truro Massachusetts, looking up at the dunes; and

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby acknowledges the good works and valuable lives of Harold Cox and Susan Fleischmann, each of whose inspiring leadership vastly improves our city and life for all within it;

RESOLVED: That the City Council recognize Saturday, June 14, 2003, as the official Cambridge Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day, and urges the citizens of Cambridge to recognize this special tribute by joining in the activities of the day and continuing their support for this critical part of our community; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copies of this resolution for presentation to the Cambridge Lavender Alliance, Harold Cox and Susan Fleischmann on behalf of the entire City Council.

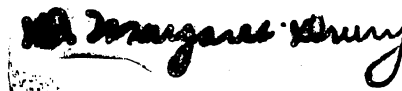
In City Council June 2, 2003.

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 faint rectangular stamp.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has benefited enormously from the leadership of Harold Cox, our Chief Public Health Officer. Through the efforts of Harold and others, the air, water and soil of the City of Cambridge has been cleaner, clearer, and fresher. In particular, Harold has worked tirelessly to reduce ambient smoke in the public spaces and work places of Cambridge. Harold has brought his determination and confidence to the project to bring Cambridge into the circle of 74 other Massachusetts communities that have enacted bans on smoking, steadily moving our community towards the day when an evening in a local restaurant or bar does not include saturation with second-hand tobacco smoke. The City of Cambridge, through Harold's leadership, has joined other nearby communities in a coalition called Clean Air Works, which is dedicated to sweetening the air we breathe. A native of Houston Texas, Harold began his public health career working with mentally retarded people. He moved to Boston in 1985 to attend graduate school at Brandeis University. Harold volunteered at AIDS Action Committee and, from there, became the director of client services. Harold became Cambridge's Chief Public Health Officer in 1996. In addition to protecting our lungs in public spaces and work places, Harold also leads his department in combating infectious diseases from SARS to the flu, providing in-school health services to 7000 schoolchildren in the city, improving environmental health for all, and attending to the larger aspects of public health such as domestic violence, children's dental needs, and literacy. Harold describes his job as wonderful, a constantly changing and always challenging opportunity with new learning experiences every day. Harold is the president-elect of the Massachusetts Public Health Association, the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Multi-Cultural AIDS Coalition, and is the organist at the Elliott Church of Roxbury. He is an avid camper and canoeist, indulging himself each year with a ten-day solo canoe/camping trip in the Boundary Waters of Northern Minnesota. A few years ago while camping, he heard a loud rustling sound outside his tent at dusk. Suspecting a visit from a neighborhood bear, Harold boldly began to scream and holler and leapt out of his tent to confront the hairy beast. He and the mysterious stranger each ran in the opposite direction around his tent and Harold came face to face with a little brown squirrel. And that was Harold's first and only confrontation with a "bear" in the wilds of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been home and hearth to Susan Fleischmann for nearly 30 years. For the past ten years, Susan has served as the Executive Director of Cambridge Community Television. Susan, as the leader and manager of a nationally recognized non-profit and community-based media corporation, does her very best to counter hegemonic and smothering capitalist corporate media claptrap and to make ample space for dissent, debate, discourse and the just plain weird on our community airwaves. Believing that there is no speech code for free speech, Susan has fought tirelessly to protect and defend broadcasts that have included safer sex information, dissenting opinions about Gulf War I, presentation of Salman Rushdie's Satanic Verses in the height of the fatwa against him and his work, a lively debate on the OJ Simpson case, and more. In Cambridge, some 24,000 homes subscribe to CCTV, as it is affectionately known. Susan and others championed public access to the airwaves as early as 1983, when Cambridge voters supported the concept in a referendum. CCTV hit the airwaves in 1988. The groundbreaking BeLive series started in 1993, offering access to both organizations and individuals with something to say. The BeLive series now accounts for 25 hours of live programming each week. Susan is a lifelong documentarian, having photographed historically important social movements throughout the 1970s and 1980s. Her pictures appeared in notable movement journals such as Gay Community News,



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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 2, 2003

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

WHEREAS: The people of Cambridge are proud of all members of our community and have made a strong commitment to civil rights, and to ensuring that our community continues to build and maintain good relationships amongst us; and

WHEREAS: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day commemorates the Stonewall Rebellion that is considered the beginning of the Lesbian and Gay Liberation Movement, an evening in June 1969 when a routine police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar on Christopher Street in New York's Greenwich Village, was vigorously and famously resisted by drag queens and bull dykes; and

WHEREAS: June 2003 marks the 34th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion; and

WHEREAS: In the City of Cambridge, our Pride in our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens is exemplified by the city's steadfast determination to keep its commitment to provide equal health care benefits to the family members of all city workers, regardless of marital status and to protect and defend all our residents regardless of their gender identity or gender expression; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Lavender Alliance and the Cambridge GLBT Employee Association, with crucial support from the Mayor's Office, will host the Thirteenth Annual Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day Celebration by holding a community breakfast and awards ceremony at Cambridge City Hall on Saturday, June 14; and

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and Susan Fleischmann and
recognizing Saturday, June 14,
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Transgender Pride Day.

**Mayor Sullivan, Councillor
Reeves, Councillor Simmons,
Councillor Maher, Councillor
Decker, Councillor Toomey
and entire membership**

In City Council June 2, 2003

ORDER ADOPTED.