



City of Cambridge

11.

IN CITY COUNCIL

May 20, 1991

MAYOR WOLF
VICE MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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WHEREAS: 37 million Americans have no health insurance and more than 20 million of those are full-time workers and their family members; and

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In City Council May 20, 1991.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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CONSENT

Mayor Wolf, Vice Mayor Reeves and Councillor
Toomey resolutions on "National Health Care
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