



City of Cambridge

2.

IN CITY COUNCIL

January 4, 1993

MAYOR REEVES
VICE MAYOR CYR
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR MYERS
COUNCILLOR WOLF

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WHEREAS: His vision, his dream, of an America in which all men and women are truly equal caught the imagination of millions of weary Americans from all walks of life spurring them to dare to dream of a better nation and to pursue this dream for their brothers and sisters, for their children, and for themselves; and

WHEREAS: Dr. King took on "a sea of troubles," challenging legal, political, social institutions which kept society ill of the sickness of racism. Triggering, building, leading a movement for civil rights, that became a powerful tide of good; and

WHEREAS: For his mission he withstood the mainstream of hate, which shut him in jail, slandered his name, harmed him physically, and tried to undermine him at every turn. Yet he dared to dream to see the day when "freedom rings... from every mountainside."; and

WHEREAS: Today, in 1993, a year in which Dr. King would have been 64 years of age had he not left us, we in Cambridge, and across the nation reflect on one man's contributions and the cross he has passed on to us; and

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WHEREAS: It is again fitting that the speaker at this 8 th annual breakfast be the Honorable Ralph C. Martin II, a person who has made his life a pursuit of excellence in public service, having served as Assistant U.S. District Attorney for Massachusetts, Assistant District attorney for Middlesex County, and now as Suffolk County District Attorney; and

WHEREAS: Proceeds from this event go to a scholarship fund to benefit local high school seniors who embody the ideals and goals of Dr. King; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council does hereby join the Cambridge N.A.A C.P., distinguished guests, and Cambridge residents in honoring and commemorating the important life and work of the REVEREND DOCTOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; and be it further

RESOLVED: That all Cambridge residents support this 8 th Annual Breakfast as well as other events which properly pay tribute to Dr. King, and that residents pause to reflect on the progress made and the work still ahead in the struggle for equality in America.

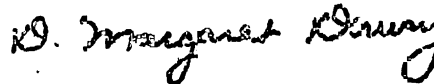
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



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CONSENT ORDER #2

W. R. R-8
Mayor Reeves re: Martin Luther King, Jr.
Breakfast.

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Order Adopted