



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 14, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: In the context of the global economy, our consumer choices unknowingly affect communities and the environment in all corners of the earth; and

WHEREAS: Many people are looking for more socially conscious and environmentally responsible ways to conduct their lives, which do not degrade people, animals or the environment; and

WHEREAS: Most small-scale coffee farmers receive market payments for their harvest which are less than the costs of production, forcing them into a cycle of poverty and debt; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council is aware of the dire situation of poverty throughout coffee-producing world; and

WHEREAS: Fair Trade Certified coffee works to correct these imbalances by guaranteeing stringent international criteria; paying a minimum price per pound of \$1.26, providing much needed credit at fair terms to farmers, and providing technical assistance such as help transitioning to organic farming; and

WHEREAS: Fair Trade Certified coffee encourages the cultivation of coffee under a shade canopy which preserves trees and birds, as well as coffee grown under organic conditions; and

WHEREAS: With the profits generated from receiving a fair wage, farmers can invest in community development, health care, education, and environmental stewardship; and

WHEREAS: As a purchaser of goods and services, the City of Cambridge has a responsibility to ensure that its monies are spent in a manner consistent with decent ethical principles, including assuring that workers are paid a living wage, and purchasing goods made in the most fair manner when possible; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council has a responsibility to set a high standard of ethics with regards to economic activities for our community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the City's Purchasing Agent to restrict the purchasing of coffee by all City departments and agencies to brands that are Fair Trade Certified; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council recognizes and supports the efforts of those organizations, like Oxfam America and TransFair USA, who work to strengthen our awareness and commitment to poor communities around the world through Fair Trade; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council hereby proclaims May 19, 2001 Fair Trade Day in Cambridge.

In City Council May 14, 2001.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- 

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Resolution

----- Original Message -----

From: "Smith, Adrienne" <asmith@oxfamamerica.org>
To: <marjorie.decker@att.net>
Cc: <mdecker3@mediaone.net>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2001 10:23 AM
Subject: RE: Fair Trade Day language

> How's this?

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> Cambridge Celebrates Fair Trade Day on May 19, 2001
> Whereas, in the context of the global economy, our consumer choices
> unknowingly affect communities and the environment in all corners of
> the earth; and Whereas, many people are looking for more socially
> conscious and environmentally responsible ways to conduct their lives,
> which do not degrade people, animals or the environment; and Whereas,
> most small-scale coffee farmers receive market payments for their
> harvest which are less than the costs of production, forcing them into

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> a cycle of poverty and debt; and Whereas, the Cambridge City Council
 > is aware of the dire situation of poverty throughout coffee-producing
 > world; and Whereas, Fair Trade Certified coffee works to correct these
 > imbalances by guaranteeing stringent international criteria; paying a
 > minimum price per pound of \$1.26, providing much needed credit at fair
 > terms to farmers, and providing technical assistance such as help
 > transitioning to organic farming; and Whereas, Fair Trade Certified
 > coffee encourages the cultivation of coffee under a shade canopy which
 > preserves trees and birds, as well as coffee grown under organic
 > conditions; and Whereas, with the profits generated from receiving a
 > fair wage, farmers

can

> invest in community development, health care, education, and
 > environmental stewardship. Whereas, as a purchaser of goods and
 > services, the City of Cambridge has a responsibility to ensure that
 > its monies are spent in a manner consistent with decent ethical
 > principles, including assuring that workers are paid a living wage,
 > and purchasing goods made in the most fair manner when possible;
 > Whereas, the Cambridge City Council has a responsibility to set a high
 > standard of ethics with regards to economic activities for our
 > community; therefore be it ~~Resolved~~, that Cambridge City Council
 > restricts the purchasing of coffee

be

~~Resolved~~

by *city departments and agencies*

> all ~~entities~~ to brands that are Fair Trade Certified; and be it
 > further (~~Too much???~~) Resolved that the Cambridge City Council
 > recognizes and supports the
 efforts

Ordered!
 That the
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 requested to
 direct me
 purchasing
 agent to

> of those organizations, like Oxfam America and TransFair USA, who work
 > to strengthen our awareness and commitment to poor communities around
 > the
 world

> through Fair Trade; *and be it further Resolved: That*
 > ~~henceforth~~, the Cambridge City Council proclaims May 19, 2001 Fair
 > Trade Day *in Cambridge*

> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: marjorie.decker@att.net [SMTP:marjorie.decker@att.net]
 > > Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2001 3:59 PM
 > > To: Smith, Adrienne
 > > Cc: mdecker3@mediaone.net
 > > Subject: Re: Fair Trade Day?

> > Might
> > > there be a way to do some kind of event with the City Council
> > > (even on
> > such
> > > short notice)? For example, declare May 19th Fair Trade Day in
> > Cambridge?
> > >
> > > We're coordinating with local retailers about doing some giveaways
etc.
> > So
> > > it should be fun!
> > >
> > > What do you think?
> > >
> > > Hope you're well, and let's have lunch soon!
> > >
> > > All the best,
> > >
> > > Adrienne
> > >
> > > Adrienne Leicester Smith
> > > Oxfam America Press Office
> > > 26 West St. Boston, MA 02111
> > > phone: 617/728-2406
> > > fax: 617/728-2596
> > > Oxfam America, creating lasting solutions to hunger and poverty.
> > > Visit our web site at <http://www.oxfamamerica.org>.
> > >

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Proclaim May 19, 2001 as Fair
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Councillor Decker

In City Council May 14, 2001

ORDER ADOPTED