



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 14, 1991

VICE MAYOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY

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- WHEREAS: Never before, in the government's history of compiling data has a U.S. ethnic group lost time on its life span; and
- WHEREAS: Reasons given for this alarming drop in life expectancy include AIDS, homicides and suicides -- stress-related disease, diet, nutrition, exercise, and substance abuse are also high on the list of factors threatening to turn the African-American male into an "endangered species,"; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge Health Policy Board is the appropriate agency to begin formulating the City response to this situation; now therefore be it
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph E. Connarton".

ATTEST:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL ORDER
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Vice Mayor Reeves re: develop a community
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