



City of Cambridge

26.

IN CITY COUNCIL
March 15, 1999

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

WHEREAS: **Equality Begins at Home** is an historic event – the first-ever coordinated national campaign for equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people to focus on state legislative issues; and

WHEREAS: In the last fifteen years, political momentum has shifted from the federal to state governments, with state governments exerting much influence over issues of major importance to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community; and

WHEREAS: Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender activists, and their friends, families and allies are working to pass state legislation that bans employment discrimination, that counters hate violence, that addresses HIV/AIDS and other health issues, that de-criminalizes homosexuality, and that protects gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender families; and

WHEREAS: **Equality Begins at Home** is designed to strengthen statewide gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender political organizations that promote equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people; and

WHEREAS: From Montana to Maine, tens of thousands of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people and their supporters will march, rally, demonstrate, and lobby during Equality Week, March 21-27, to demand full equality under the law; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council fully support all **Equality Begins at Home** activities happening in Massachusetts and encourage all Cantabrigians to participate in such events; and be it further

RESOLVED: That March 21-27 shall be officially designated as **Equality Begins at Home** Week in the City of Cambridge.

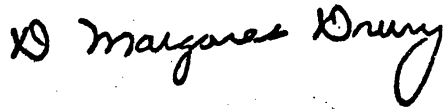
In City Council March 15, 1999.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

✓ KT
(Version 2)

Proclamation / Resolution in support of **Equality Begins at Home**

WHEREAS, **Equality Begins at Home** is an historic event – the first-ever coordinated national campaign for equal rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people to focus on state legislative issues, and;

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WHEREAS, In [name of your state], [describe your main legislative action here]...

(Option 1)

City Council
~~THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED / PROCLAIMED~~ (pick one) ^{That the Cambridge} That [name of legislative body or if proclamation, names of individual legislators] fully support **all Equality Begins at Home** activities happening in [name of state] and encourage all [name of state] to participate in such events; ^{and Massachusetts}

(Option 2)

~~THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED / PROCLAIMED~~ (pick one) That March 21-27 shall be officially designated as **Equality Begins at Home Week** in the ~~state~~ City of [name]. ^{Cambridge}

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(Version 1)

give to
Margaret
to submit
for Agenda.

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WHEREAS, The purpose of this monumental effort is to draw attention to the role that state lawmakers play in determining the citizenship rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people across the country and the importance of political organizing in home states, and;

WHEREAS, Through this effort the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community, and their friends, families and allies, will take a major step forward towards building the necessary political infrastructure to pass laws that are within the power and responsibility of state law makers, and;

WHEREAS, State elected officials have the power to ban hate crimes and discrimination, to support and recognize gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender families, to support the rights of kids to enjoy a harassment-free school environment, and to fight the laws and local ballot initiatives that threaten to strip GLBT people of their rights simply because of their sexual orientation or gender identity, and;

WHEREAS, Rallies, lobby days, vigils, press conferences, marches and other actions will occur simultaneously on all 50 state capitols and the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico during the week of March 21 to 27, and;

WHEREAS, In *[name of your state]*, *[describe your main legislative action here]*.

(Option 1)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED / PROCLAIMED (*pick one*) That *[name of legislative body or if proclamation, names of individual legislators]* fully support all **Equality Begins at Home** activities happening in *[name of state]* and encourage all *[name of state]* to participate in such events.

(Option 2)

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Consent Order #26

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Councillor Triantafyllou re: Declare
March 21-27 as Equality Begins at Home
Week in the City of Cambridge.

In City Council March 15, 1999

ORDER ADOPTED