



City of Cambridge

8.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 5, 1973

Councillor Graham

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WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the City Government through the Department of Health and Hospitals, to take all necessary steps to resolve this crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Cambridge Hospital made a specific commitment in May of 1971 to accomplish this through the development of a Neighborhood Health Stations Program; and

WHEREAS, this commitment has been reaffirmed as recently as December, 1972; and

WHEREAS, the demonstrated effectiveness of the Neighborhood Health Station Program as a health care delivery system is clearly evident;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cambridge City Council hereby declares that it is the public policy of the City of Cambridge to guarantee the availability and accessibility of medical care to the residents of the low-income neighborhoods of Cambridge by maintaining and supporting a Neighborhood Health Station Program; and further,

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to this policy the City Manager is hereby ordered to provide within the Cambridge Hospital budget for the fiscal year 1973-74, sufficient funds to insure the operation of five Neighborhood Health Stations, adequately staffed with a minimum of a Nurse-Practitioner, Medical Receptionist and Health Aide, available on a full-time basis within each Health Station, serving the neighborhoods of East Cambridge, Donnelly Field, Area 4, Cambridgeport, Riverside, North Cambridge, Clarendon Avenue and at the Peabody School

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Adopted by the affirmative vote

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David Isely City Clerk
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Submitted by
to the
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by the
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