

- WHEREAS: On May 29, 2004 – nearly 59 years after the end of WWII – and 7 days away from the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion of Normandy - Americans will recognize this great generation of men and women when it dedicates the National World War II Memorial in Washington, DC. The memorial is a tribute to the spirit, sacrifices and commitment of all who served in that war, those who died in battle and the millions of U.S. citizens who supported the effort from home; and
- WHEREAS: Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 31, 2004, with a parade exiting the Cambridge Common at 9:30 AM, followed by a memorial observance at the Cambridge Cemetery; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the City Council strongly urges all Cantabrigians to pause on Memorial Day, and every day, to remember and pay tribute to our nations defenders, living and deceased, for their service and devotion to country; and be it further.
- RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to Bob Stevens of the Veterans Department on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council May 17, 2004.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of seven members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 17, 2004

VICE MAYOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MURPHY
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SIMMONS
MAYOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: Memorial Day has traditionally been one of the most solemn and patriotic days for Americans. Rightfully so. Memorial Day is a day when all Americans, regardless of ideologies, race, creed, or political persuasion, join together to remember the sacrifices of those who answered their nations call; and
- WHEREAS: The significance of this day is sometimes confused or distorted. The true meaning of Memorial Day becomes at times, distant or vague, lost to commercialism, or drowned in forgetful indulgence. Sometimes, there is a failure to recognize the magnitude of the deeds of the men and women who held true to the notion that evil and tyranny must not prevail; and
- WHEREAS: It is our sacred duty to keep the legacy of our nation's patriots forever fresh in the memories of future generations. They fought and died to preserve this land of hopes and dreams. Without the courage, valor and singleness of purpose of our nations veterans, the values that have always made it possible for us to meet new challenges, and move forward as a nation, would have been lost; and
- WHEREAS: The freedoms that so many Americans enjoy did not come cheaply. They were paid for with the flesh and blood of American servicemen and women, and with the tears of those whose lives were changed forever by the loss of a loved one; and
- WHEREAS: Today, as we are engaged in a Global War on Terrorism, let us pause and remember the men and women of our armed services who are serving in these conflicts and have made the supreme sacrifice in service to our country; and
- WHEREAS: Memorial Day is a day opportunity to give thanks for all that we are blessed with. It should also be a day that we rededicate ourselves to our country and to our nations living veterans and their families in memory of the sacrifices they and others have made; and

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RESOLUTION #6

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Monday, May 31, 2004 with a
parade exiting the Cambridge
Common at 9:30 A.M. followed by
a memorial observance at the
Cambridge Cemetery.**

**Vice Mayor Decker and entire
membership**

In City Council MAY 17, 2004

ORDER ADOPTED