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Abbot of the Greater Boston Buddhist Cultural Center

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Dear Mayor Sullivan:

I want to thank you and the Cambridge City Council for adopting a resolution to honor the Buddha's birthday, an important cultural holiday within the Taiwanese- American community.

Approximately 400 people participated in the all-day celebration, which took place on May 19 at the Greater Boston Buddhist Cultural Center. Besides the keynote speaker, Professor Diàna Eck of Harvard University, many local Taiwanese-American community leaders attended the ceremony, such as the Director-General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Boston and the President of the Taiwanese Chamber of Commerce of New England. In addition, local Buddhist organizations, such as the Cambridge Zen Center, Korean Won Buddhism, and the Shambala Meditation Center of Brookline, also sent representatives to participate in the celebration. We are very excited about the success of this event.

Once again, we are grateful for the resolution adopted by you and the City Council. It is such an encouragement for the members of this temple. In the future, we will sponsor more cultural events to enrich the diversity of Cambridge and the surrounding towns.

Sincerely,



Yifa

P.S. During the second week of September, we will sponsor memorial services, public lectures, and inter-faith forums to commemorate the first anniversary of September 11. We hope that you will join us in one of the events.

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Consent Communication #9

A communication was received from Venerable Yifa, Ph.D., transmitting thanks for adopting a resolution honoring Buddha's birthday, an important cultural holiday within the Taiwanese-American community.

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