



City of Cambridge

R-19.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 19, 2001

COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
VICE MAYOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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OK'd by Marjorie

From: MLeno@CI.Cambridge.MA.US (Mary Leno)
Organization: City of Cambridge, Massachusetts USA
To: salbano@CI.Cambridge.MA.US (Sandra Albano)
Date sent: Wed, 28 Feb 2001 14:54:27 -0500
Subject: March is Women's History month
Priority: normal

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Dear Sandra,
Here is the proclamation for Marjorie Decker to sponsor for Monday nights council meeting.

Marjorie Decker

CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S
HERITAGE PROJECT
CO-SPONSORED BY THE CAMBRIDGE WOMEN'S COMMISSION &
CAMBRIDGE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139

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FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: <i>Maryanne/Diana</i>	FROM: <i>Sen</i>
COMMITTEE: <i>Maryanne, Paula</i>	DATE: <i>2/28/01</i>
FAX NUMBER:	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER: <i>3</i>
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*Please put in
under Maryanne*

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Resolution #19

Celebration of International
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Florence Luscomb and the suffrage
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Councillor Decker

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*Meeting Cancelled due to
snowstorm*

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ORDER ADOPTED