



City of Cambridge

25.

IN CITY COUNCIL

April 28, 1997

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

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- WHEREAS: The people of Cambridge representing a multiplicity of cultures, including Holocaust survivors and families of its victims, will never forget this age of human history; and
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- WHEREAS: The United States Congress established the United States Holocaust Memorial Council to: "provide for appropriate ways for the Nation to Commemorate the Days of Remembrance and to encourage and sponsor appropriate observances of such Days of Remembrance throughout the United States"; and
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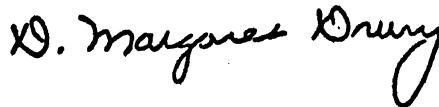
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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;



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Consent Order #25

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