



City of Cambridge

87.

IN CITY COUNCIL

September 28, 1998

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

WHEREAS continuing disregard and contempt for human rights have resulted in barbarous acts which have outraged the conscience of humanity; and

WHEREAS the advent of a world, where humans can live with dignity and enjoy their civil and political rights, such as freedom of thought, speech, belief, and the press; economic, social and cultural rights, such as rights to employment, food, shelter, and health care; and solidarity rights, such as rights to peace, self-determination, development, and clean environment, is the highest aspiration of humanity; and

ACKNOWLEDGING the interdependence and indivisibility of human rights as enshrined in the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, approved in 1948 without dissent by the UN General Assembly, including the United States, and today increasingly referred to as *customary international law*,

RECOGNIZING the necessity to mandate legally the protection and enforcement of these rights in the promotion of human development, without discrimination of any kind such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, nationality, social origin, birth or other status,

INVOKING the spirit of our time which calls upon the peoples of the world to rededicate themselves to the global task of promoting and protecting human rights,

DETERMINED to take new steps in a recommitment to sustained efforts to ensure co-operation and solidarity in the promotion of human rights,

The Cambridge City Council, hereby

DECLARES the Universal Declaration of Human Rights the Law of the Land, urging its implementation in accordance with the Will of the People and by all executive, legislative, judicial and other public bodies;

ENDORSES the development of a human rights culture, which is a lived awareness of these rights and principles, entailing corresponding duties;

COMMENDS all previous and future efforts that are in compliance with the Declaration;

URGES other municipal, state, national and international bodies to move toward implementation of the Declaration; and

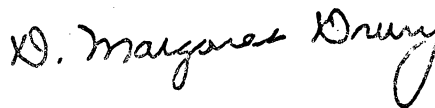
REACHES out to the people of the world in a spirit of co-operation, certain that together we can create a just social and international order in the effective realization of human rights for all.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

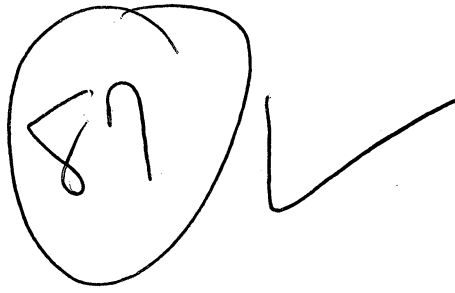
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



September 17, 1998

Mayor Francis H. Duehay

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Consent ORder #87

Mayor Duehay re: resolution on the
Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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ORDER ADOPTED