Proclamation Honoring 2018 Food Hero Kim DeAndrade

WHEREAS:

Since 2012, the Mayor's Office in collaboration with the Cambridge Public Health Department, has celebrated National Food Day by recognizing the work of Cambridge individuals and organizations that have made a lasting and significant commitment to promoting a fair, healthy, accessible, and sustainable food culture in the city, honoring them in the biannual "Cambridge Food Heroes Award" ceremony; and

WHEREAS:

Kim DeAndrade, lead health teacher for the Cambridge Public Schools, is being honored this year as a Cambridge Food Hero; and

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Kim has worked diligently over the course of her thirty-five year career as an educator to promote good nutrition and healthy eating, bring awareness of healthy eating to all aspects of the school day, and to ensure nutrition and health education remain a priority within the schools; and

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In 2005, Kim developed and ushered through the first Food Vending Machine Policy for the schools which included forward-thinking guidelines with limits on sweeteners, fat, and calories and which eventually led to the development of School Nutrition Guidelines to direct and focus improvements to school cafeteria meals; and

WHEREAS

Additionally, Kim co-leads the School Wellness Council and has been instrumental in the creation and implementation of the Cambridge Public School teen and middle grade health surveys and the Wellness Policy, and in 2017 when the Wellness Policy was being updated, Kim spearheaded an exploration of hunger among students to ensure that no student would have to go hungry in school; now therefore be it

RESOLVED:

That the City Council go on record congratulating Kim DeAndrade for being named a 2018 Cambridge Food Hero; and be it further