

Resolution Number 9
Falun Dafa

WHEREAS, May 13, 2015 marks the 16th “World Falun Dafa Day” and the 23rd anniversary of the introduction of Falun Dafa to the public; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong), is a traditional Chinese self-cultivation practice based on the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance; and

WHEREAS, since 1999, in the face of the Chinese communist regime’s “eradication” and persecution, Falun Dafa practitioners- from inside and outside of China- have been preserving in their belief in Truthfulness & Compassion and responded with peaceful resistance, and in doing so have provided a source of strength to people who pursue freedom and aspire to improve the future of China; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa attracts millions of people of all ages and backgrounds and is practiced in over 100 countries around the world; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of free and democratic nations to condemn the act of crimes against humanity and shameless regard for human rights; it is further our responsibility as human beings to raise the awareness necessary to stop these horrific crimes against our fellow human beings no matter the cost; and

WHEREAS, the Falun Dafa practitioners of Orange County have dedicated countless hours in producing world-class performances of classical Chinese dance and music to share the precious heritage of a 5,000 year old civilization with the world; members have organized free cultural events, meditation workshops and classes in local community centers, senior centers, parks, fairs, and health expos; and

WHEREAS, thousands of honors and awards bear witness to the remarkable accomplishments of Mr. Li Hongzhi, the esteemed founder of Falun Dafa, and attests to the high regard in which he is held by numerous United States officials and representatives of international communities.

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to applaud and recognize Mr. Li Hongzhi and the practitioners of Falun Dafa here and all over the world for their many accomplishments on its 23rd Anniversary. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to include a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a memorial copy for presentation at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on May 8th, 2015 by:

Honorable Megan E. Green, Alderwoman 15th Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted May 8th, 2015 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen