

**Resolution Number 88**  
**Falun Gong**

**WHEREAS**, Falun Gong (Falun Dafa), a traditional Chinese self cultivation practice, based on the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance, that attracts millions of people of all ages and backgrounds is practiced in over 100 countries over the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Falun Gong practitioners who peacefully cultivate high moral qualities and experience increased health and well-being, have been brutally persecuted since 1999 in China; and

**WHEREAS**, since July 1999, when China's former president launched the "eradication" campaign against Falun Gong, hundred of thousands of Falun Gong practitioners have been detained and tortured for their beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, an independent investigation, conducted by former Canadian MP, the Honorable David Kilgour and human rights lawyer, David Matas, concluded on July 6 that "there has been and continues today to be large scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners"; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also our responsibility as human beings to raise awareness necessary to stop horrific crimes against our fellow human beings no matter what the cost.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis call on the Government of the United States to condemn the persecution against Falun Gong and the crime of harvesting organs from Falun Gong practitioners and other involuntary donors in China.

Introduced on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013 by:

**Honorable Craig Schmid, Alderman 20<sup>th</sup> Ward**  
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013 as attested by:

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President, Board of Aldermen