



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is an ancient Chinese spiritual and meditation discipline of the Buddhist tradition, following the principles of “truthfulness, compassion and tolerance.” It proves to be an effective way to improve people’s health, physically and mentally; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa was introduced to Virginia in 1996, and there are many volunteer-run practices all across Virginia offering exercises free of charge. Falun Dafa brings true traditional Chinese cultural values to many Virginians, as well as to more than 100 million people in over 100 countries from all walks of life and all sorts of cultural backgrounds; and

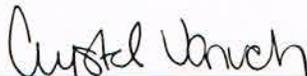
WHEREAS, since July 1999, the great compassion and forbearance demonstrated by Falun Dafa practitioners under the Chinese communist regime’s brutal persecution have touched every kind-hearted human being. Falun Dafa practitioners’ peaceful resistance and moral courage in the face of this unprecedented persecution have changed history and inspired all of us who face this ever aggressive communist regime today; and

WHEREAS, state-controlled Chinese media inside and outside of China use slander to dehumanize people who practice Falun Gong, justify the brutal persecution in China, and create discrimination against them even on U.S. soil, including in Virginia. The United States House of Representatives passed a resolution (H.R. 304) to condemn harassment, threats, and discrimination directed at Falun Gong practitioners in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2016, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously passed a resolution (H.R. 343), urging the international community to help end the crimes of the Chinese government’s forced organ harvesting of prisoners of conscience in China, including a large number of Falun Gong practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Falun Gong practitioners in Northern Virginia traveled to many other counties to warn the people of Virginia about the risks of going to communist China for an organ transplant in light of credible reports of the communist regime’s killing of Falun Gong and other prisoners of conscience to sell their organs. The House of Delegates and 24 Virginia local governments have adopted resolutions to educate their residents on this issue upon the receipt of petitions from 5,000 constituents and hearing the public testimony of concerned citizens and victims of persecution in China;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Stafford County Board of Supervisors on this the 3rd day of May, 2022, that it be and hereby does honor Falun Dafa and its founder, Mr. Li Hongzhi, by designating May 13, 2022, as “Falun Dafa Day.”


Chair



5/3/2022

DATE