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*Resolution commemorating 15 years of persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China by the Communist Party.*

**WHEREAS,**

**WISCONSIN FALUN DAFA ASSOCIATION**

*commemorated the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Falun Gong persecution in China by the Communist Party during an observance on July 19, 2014; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Falun Gong is a practice that has benefited millions of people around the world, and has allowed its followers to experience moral guidance as well as improved health; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Falun Gong centers around gentle exercise and contains a meditation component which combine for the practitioner to experience an inner balance, and Falun Gong also teaches three basic principles of truthfulness, compassion and tolerance, that allow the practitioner to further their personal awareness; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Falun Gong is a peaceful, spiritual discipline that practices non-violence, and its practitioners have bravely spoken out against the Chinese Communist Party and the brutal persecution to which practitioners are subjected because of their beliefs; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and commemorates the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, and thanks the Wisconsin Falun Dafa Association for helping raise awareness of Falun Gong oppression in China; and, be it*

**FURTHER RESOLVED,** *That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to the Wisconsin Falun Dafa Association.*

***Introduced by Common Council members Tony Zielinski, Jim Bohl, Milele A. Coggs, José G. Pérez and Terry L. Witkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 22, 2014.***