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*Resolution commemorating 14 years of persecution of Falun Gong practitioners in China by the Communist Party.*

**WHEREAS,**

**FALUN GONG PRACTITIONERS**

*commemorated the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of persecution during a special event on July 20, 2013, inside Milwaukee's historic City Hall; 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 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 its brutal persecution of such a peaceful way of life; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition has been instrumental in bringing the community's attention to the appalling crimes being perpetrated against Falun Gong practitioners in China; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes and commemorates the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, and thanks the Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition 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 Milwaukee Fair Trade Coalition.*

**Introduced by Common Council members Tony Zielinski, Jim Bohl and Milele A. Cogg and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on July 2, 2013.**