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*Resolution recognizing Falun Dafa Day on May 13, 2021.*

**WHEREAS,**

**FALUN DAFA DAY**

*was celebrated in the City of Milwaukee on May 13, 2021, and included a formal flag raising ceremony outside City Hall; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) is a self-improvement practice for mind and body, rooted in ancient Chinese culture, and consists of meditative exercises and a moral philosophy, and at its core are the tenets of “Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance”; and*

**WHEREAS,** *Falun Dafa transcends cultural boundaries and contributes to a healthier and more peaceful society, and tens of millions of people from diverse cultures in more than 100 countries, including the United States, benefit from practicing Falun Gong, where the teachings help people improve their mental, moral and physical wellbeing; and*

**WHEREAS,** *During the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone has experienced pressure and stress, and scientific studies have confirmed that meditation can help strengthen immunity and combat illness and stress, and thousands have registered for free online meditation exercise classes and the feedback has been very positive; and*

**WHEREAS,** *The raising of the Falun Dafa Flag at City Hall was to allow the flag to fly in recognition of Falun Dafa’s contribution to the improvement of personal and physical well-being world-wide; now, therefore, be it*

**RESOLVED,** *That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes Falun Dafa Day in Milwaukee on May 13, 2021, and thanks the Wisconsin Falun Dafa Association for drawing attention to the practice of Falun Dafa; 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 Cavalier Johnson, Ashanti Hamilton, Milele A. Coggs, Michael J. Murphy, Russell W. Stamper, II, Mark A. Borkowski, José G. Pérez Chantia Lewis, Khalif J. Rainey and Nikiya Dodd and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on May 25, 2021.***