

FALUN Dafa

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Dear Mayor and Council:

We are writing to respectfully request a proclamation or congratulatory letter to the Falun Dafa Association of Canada acknowledging “Falun Dafa Month, May 2009, Honouring Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance” as we celebrate the 17th anniversary of Falun Dafa’s introduction to the public.

During May, practitioners in communities across Canada will celebrate the occasion with public demonstrations of the Falun Dafa exercises, traditional Chinese dancing and musical performances, as well as parades and other festivities.

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a traditional Chinese self-improvement system or cultivation practice. It guides practitioners to mental and physical well-being through exercise, meditation and the guiding principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance. More than 100 million people from all walks of life in over 70 countries practice Falun Dafa. It helps people achieve inner peace and inner balance, and greatly improves physical health.

As you may know, Falun Dafa was made illegal in China after a government survey revealed the number of practitioners had outgrown the membership of the communist party. Although Falun Dafa is a meditation practice, its popularity was seen as a threat by former Chinese leader, Jiang Zemin. Circumventing his own politburo and normal bureaucratic procedure, Jiang instituted a complete and brutal suppression of Falun Dafa in 1999. To date we have verified that 3253 practitioners have been tortured to death in police detention and hundreds of thousands are detained in prisons, labour camps and “re-education centres.”

Even more disturbing, an independent investigation conducted by Hon. David Kilgour and renowned human rights lawyer Mr. David Matas released in July 2006 revealed that the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has conducted large scale organ harvesting activities from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners. The widespread of killing of Falun Gong practitioners for profit to provide organs for transplant tourism is disturbing. Recent updated investigations have provided further evidence that the Chinese communist regime is directly involved in this now well-known scandal.

In their peaceful efforts to end this persecution, Falun Gong practitioners both in China and around the world continue to do everything possible to reveal these crimes to the international community. Our hope is that international condemnation will force the CCP to stop such atrocities. It is for this reason we are sending you this proclamation request and hope that you will voice your support for human rights in China and the plight of Falun Gong practitioners.

A sample proclamation is attached for your reference. Please feel free to modify it. It would be appreciated if you could send the signed proclamation by email or mail to the address below at your earliest convenience. Your kind words and support mean a great deal to us. If you have any further questions please contact me and I will be happy to speak with you.

Sincerely,

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PROCLAMATION

Celebrating May 2009 as Falun Dafa Month Honouring Truthfulness Compassion and Forbearance

WHEREAS Falun Dafa is an advanced exercise and meditation practice of mind, body, and spirit based on the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance; and

WHEREAS more men and women of Canada are learning the practice and purifying their hearts, energizing their bodies, and striving to create virtuous communities; and

WHEREAS Falun Dafa transcends cultural and racial boundaries and contributes to the universal dream of a peaceful, tolerant, and more compassionate society; and

WHEREAS Falun Dafa practitioners' determination and courage to stand up for Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance while facing severe persecution from the Chinese Communist Party has shown the world the value of life and the preciousness of human dignity;

NOW, THEREFORE, I (.....) Mayor of the (.....) do hereby declare May 2009 to be Falun Dafa Month Honouring Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance.

DATED this.....day of May, 2009

Signed.....