

## PROCLAMATION

*Whereas, Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a peaceful spiritual practice rooted in ancient Chinese culture; and*

*Whereas, It consists of five sets of gentle exercises and a moral teaching based on the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance; and*

*Whereas, Since its introduction to the public in 1992 by Mr. Li Hongzhi, Falun Dafa's teachings have been translated into 38 languages and millions of people around the world have experienced physical, mental, and moral improvement through the practice; and*

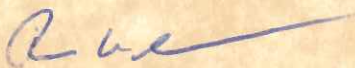
*Whereas, In 1999, the Chinese communist regime started banning the practice, fearing its popularity and illegally persecuted millions of its followers. Since then, Falun Gong practitioners have demonstrated persistent, peaceful efforts to uphold human rights and dignity in the face of the brutal oppression. This has garnered great respect from governments and citizens from around the globe; and*

*Whereas, In 2016, the US House of Representatives unanimously passed H.Res. 343, condemning the persecution of Falun Gong practitioners and the heinous crime of forced organ harvesting, sanctioned by the communist regime in China. The Falun Gong Protection Act was introduced to Congress, in December 2021, to further address this issue; and*

*Whereas, In the United States, we are privileged to practice Falun Dafa freely. The support from the US government officials has been the power and hope to millions of practitioners worldwide, and especially to those still imprisoned in China; and*

*Whereas, In this spirit, World Falun Dafa Day is celebrated each May 13<sup>th</sup> to express gratitude to those who have given their support. This year will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the introduction of Falun Dafa to the public; and*

*Now, Therefore I, Thomas W. Andes, Mayor of the Township of Denville, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2022 as "Falun Dafa Day" in the Township of Denville, and encourage all of our citizens to join me in honoring those involved in this event for their dedication to Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance.*



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Mayor, Thomas W. Andes  
May 13, 2022

