

Township of Montclair, New Jersey

Proclamation

Recognizing and Celebrating World Falun Dafa Day

- WHEREAS,** the Township Council wishes to congratulate all practitioners who will be celebrating the 20th annual World Falun Dafa Day and 27th anniversary of the introduction of Falun Dafa to the public on May 13, 2019; and
- WHEREAS,** Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a peaceful spiritual practice rooted in traditional Chinese culture. It consists of meditation, five gentle sets of exercise, and a philosophy centered on the values of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance. For the past twenty-seven years, millions of people around the world have embraced the popular cultivation practices of Falun Dafa; and
- WHEREAS,** since its introduction by Master Li Hongzhi in 1992, Falun Dafa has transcended cultural and national barriers with practitioners from all over the world who are committed to the standard of honesty, courtesy, loyalty and selflessness; and
- WHEREAS,** since its introduction at Rutgers University in 1996, Falun Dafa has touched the lives of many residents of New Jersey helping them become more altruistic and improving their overall health through their practice of Falun Dafa; and
- WHEREAS,** World Falun Dafa Day celebrations of all types have been held in the State of New Jersey and around the world each year to honor the occasion, to celebrate the benefit of Falun Dafa in the lives of practitioners, and to introduce Falun Dafa to more people; and
- WHEREAS,** Falun Dafa practitioners dedicate countless hours to their communities in organizing meditation classes and productions of Chinese music and dance. Falun Dafa is practiced in groups or individually in over 70 countries by people of all ages and backgrounds and is always taught free of charge by volunteers.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of this Proclamation, the Council of the Township of Montclair, does hereby recognize the peaceful spiritual practice of Falun Dafa and its impact on the world through the promotion of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance. We join in acknowledging the 20th anniversary of World Falun Dafa Day on May 13, 2019 and extend sincere respect, gratitude, and admiration to practitioners for their commitment and dedication to this advanced cultivation and practice system.



Robert Jackson, Mayor

Sean M. Spiller, Deputy Mayor, Third Ward Councillor

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Attest:

Juliet Lee, Deputy Clerk

Date: April 23, 2019