

Congressional Proclamation

Honorable Sean Patrick Maloney

***WHEREAS,** On July 10, 2021, Falun Gong Practitioners in Orange County will hold a rally with local officials and community leaders to mark the anniversary of, and protest against, the ongoing persecution of Falun Gong practitioners; AND*

***WHEREAS,** Falun Gong, also called Falun Dafa, is an ancient Qi Gong discipline of mind/body cultivation. It is a way to improve physical and mental wellness through a series of gentle exercises and meditation. This cultivation practice is guided by the principles of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance; universal human values that bridge cultures, nationalities, race, gender, and age. The practice and the principles of Falun Dafa transcend cultural boundaries and contribute to a healthier and more harmonious society; AND*

***WHEREAS,** rooted in ancient Chinese spiritual tradition, Falun Gong was first taught publicly in China in 1992 by Mr. Li Hongzhi, the founder of the practice. It spread quickly as tens of millions of Chinese citizens found greater health and spiritual well-being through the practice. Today, Falun Gong is practiced in over 70 countries worldwide by people of all ages and backgrounds and has won over 3,000 worldwide awards and recognitions over the years. It is always taught free of charge by volunteers, and can be practiced individually or in groups; AND*

***WHEREAS,** on July 20th, 1999 the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) launched the persecution of the peaceful mind-body discipline Falun Gong. Every year since people around the world have called for the end of state-sponsored killings and torture. Marches and rallies, sometimes numbering several thousand, are held in New York City, Washington DC, and other major cities.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** We recognize and honor the peaceful practices of Falun Dafa and join them in the hope of a peaceful future.*

July 10, 2021



*Sean Patrick Maloney
Member of Congress*

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

This Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition

Presented to

Upstate New York

Practitioners of Falun Dafa

In Commemoration of the Falun Dafa Association's March in Washington, D.C. to Mark 22 Years of Perseverance in the Face of Persecution by the Chinese Communist Party.

July 20th, 2021

Date



Elin M. Sofroni

Member of Congress