

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

RICH FITZGERALD
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Proclamation

***WHEREAS,** Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a peaceful meditation practice; this ancient practice was originally taught only in private, but was introduced to the public in 1992 by Mr. Li Hongzhi in China; and*

***WHEREAS,** those who practice the Falun Dafa discipline have reported positive effects on their mental and physical health; Falun Dafa involves a series of easy-to-learn exercises, meditation, and the development of one's "heart-mind nature;" and*

***WHEREAS,** Falun Dafa was publically introduced to Philadelphia in 1998 and there have been dozens of free, introductory workshops offered; the practice continues to grow and reach more communities each year; and*

***WHEREAS,** practitioners of Falun Dafa strive to live in accordance with the principles of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance; they aspire to let go of destructive tendencies such as addictions, anger, and jealousy; and*

***WHEREAS,** May 13, 2014 marks the 22nd anniversary of the public introduction of Falun Dafa and will be celebrated by followers worldwide.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby commend the organizers of the Greater Philadelphia Falun Dafa Association and its dedicated practitioners in the Pittsburgh region for their hard work and commitment to Falun Dafa.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of Allegheny to be affixed this 13th day of May, 2014.*

Rich Fitzgerald

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