



WHEREAS, Kirk C. Allison, Ph.D., Director of the Program in Human Rights and Health of the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, testified in 2006 that "Mounting Evidence of Falun Gong Practitioners used as Organ Sources in China and Related Ethical Responsibilities" before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations of the Committee on International Relations, U.S. House of Representatives, and

WHEREAS, The harvested organs are then used by the hospitals associated with the prison for transplants, with the customers for these transplants often being individuals from elsewhere, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, the killing of religious prisoners for the purpose of selling their organs for transplant is an egregious and intolerable violation of the fundamental right to life;

WHEREAS, 2014 marks 15 years of continued persecution of Falun Gong practitioners at the hands of the Chinese Communist Party, by which practitioners of Falun Gong in China have been persecuted, arrested, beaten and treated inhumanely; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That we, the Mayor and members of the City Council, gathered together this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014 AD, do hereby support those who follow the peaceful practice of Falun Gong members, and

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- 1) that any harsh brutal and repressive practices of the Chinese Government against Falun Gong followers be condemned, and
- 2) that the federal government do everything in its power to help stop the atrocities in China; and
- 3) the immediate release of all Falun Gong practitioners and other prisoners of conscience; and
- 4) calls on the Government of the People's Republic of China to immediately end the practice of organ harvesting from Falun Gong and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups.

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