



CITY OF
BEDFORD

Proclamation

***Whereas,** Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a peaceful self-improvement practice rooted in ancient Chinese culture that centers around the universal principal of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance and it consists of five gentle exercises, including meditation; and*

***Whereas,** Master Li Hongzhi, the founder of Falun Dafa, has helped millions across the world improving their health and moral standards, as well as deepen their understanding of life, humanity and the universe, through the practice of Falun Dafa; and*

***Whereas,** transcending culture and racial boundaries, Falun Dafa has touched the lives of more than 100 million people in over 80 countries, more men and women in the United States are learning the practice and purifying their hearts, energizing their bodies, and striving to create virtuous communities; and*

***Whereas,** Falun Dafa was first introduced to the public in 1992 in China and was introduced to Dallas-Fort Worth in 1996. Since then, many free introductory workshops have been held in public places such as city libraries and public parks, and practitioners have participated in many community events; and*

***Whereas,** Falun Dafa practitioners' determination and courage to stand up for Truthfulness-Compassion-Forbearance while facing severe persecution from the Chinese Communist Party has shown the world the value of life and the preciousness of human dignity; and*

Whereas, Falun Dafa practitioners in the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area will celebrate World Falun Dafa Day at the Plano Russell Creek Park on May 9th.

***NOW, THEREFORE,** let it be known that I, Jim Griffin, Mayor of the City of Bedford, and the City Council do hereby proclaim May 9, 2015 as:*

Falun Dafa Day

in the City of Bedford.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Bedford to be affixed this 9th day of April, 2015.

JIM GRIFFIN, MAYOR

