

City of Irving Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

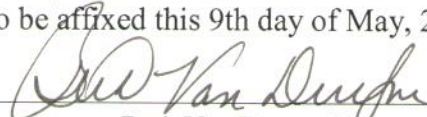
- WHEREAS:** Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a peaceful self-improvement practice rooted in ancient Chinese culture that focuses on the universal principals of truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance and consists of five gentle exercises; and
- WHEREAS:** Falun Dafa was first introduced to the public in 1992 in China and to Dallas-Fort Worth in 1996; and
- WHEREAS:** The founder, Master Li Hongzhi, has helped millions across the world improve their health and moral standards and understanding of life, humanity, and the universe; and
- WHEREAS:** Transcending cultural and racial boundaries, Falun Dafa has touched the lives of more than 100 million people in over 80 countries by purifying their hearts, energizing their bodies, and striving to create virtuous communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Practitioners' determination and courage to stand up for truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance 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 celebrate World Falun Dafa Day on May 9.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, Beth Van Duyne, Mayor of the City of Irving, do hereby proclaim May 9th, 2015 as:**

## Falun Dafa Day

in Irving, Texas, and urge appropriate recognition thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 9th day of May, 2015.

  
Beth Van Duyne, Mayor

