

Proclamation

IN OBSERVANCE OF FALUN DAFU MONTH

WHEREAS, A GREAT STATE IS ONLY AS GREAT AS ITS TOLERANCE FORWELL-BEING TO THOSE WHO PRACTICE IT, WHICH, IN TURN, PROMOTES GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND MAKES SAID STATE A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE; AND

WHEREAS, FALUN GONG IS A TRADITIONAL CHINESE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE THAT INCLUDES EXERCISE AND MEDITATION, WITH PRINCIPLES BASED ON TRUTH, COMPASSION AND TOLERANCE; AND

WHEREAS, PRACTITIONERS OF FALUN GONG SAY IT BRINGS THEM BETTER HEALTH, REDUCED STRESS, INNER PEACE AND DEEPENED MORALS; AND

WHEREAS, SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION IN CHINA IN 1992 BY ITS FOUNDER, LI HONGZHI, FALUN GONG HAS BEEN PRACTICED BY OVER 100 MILLION PEOPLE IN 80 COUNTRIES; AND

WHEREAS, FALUN GONG WAS TAUGHT IN NEW YORK STATE IN 1996 AND IS NOW OFFERED, FREE OF CHARGE, TO NEW YORKERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES, RACES, AND AGES AT 25 PRACTICE SITES ACROSS THE STATE; AND

WHEREAS, LI HONGZHI, OR "MASTER LI," HAS LECTURED ON FALUN GONG WORLDWIDE, HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN 600 AWARDS, AND HAS BEEN THICE NOMINATED FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE; AND

WHEREAS, DESPITE PERSECUTION BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, FALUN GONG'S SUPPORTERS IN CHINA CONTINUE TO DEFY THE GOVERNMENT AND PRACTICE THEIR DISCIPLINE, WHILE USING NON-VIOLENT MEANS TO PETITION FOR REDRESS AND TO CALL INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO THEIR STRUGGLE; AND


WHEREAS, THE MONTH OF MAY HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS FALUN DAFU MONTH; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT I, STATE SENATOR ERIC ADAMS, RECOGNIZE FALUN GONG AS A MOVEMENT OF PEACE; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE TRANSMITTED TO CLEARINE HUNTER, ON BEHALF OF NEW YORK STATE'S FALUN GONG COMMUNITY.

DATED: May 27, 2008

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND SIGNATURE


ERIC ADAMS

NEW YORK STATE SENATE
20TH DISTRICT

