



# TOWN OF DEERPARK

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## Resolution 24 of 2014

### **CALLING FOR ACTION TO HELP STOP THE PERSECUTION OF FALUN DAFU IN CHINA**

**WHEREAS**, Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a peaceful spiritual practice based on the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance for achieving physical and spiritual well-being through meditation exercises; and

**WHEREAS**, Falun Dafa has attracted millions of people of all ages and backgrounds in over 114 countries and regions; and

**WHEREAS**, since July 1999, China's former president launched the "eradication" campaign against Falun Dafa with the policy of 'Defame Falun Dafa's reputation, destroy practitioners physically, bankrupt them financially'; and

**WHEREAS**, for 15 long years, Falun Dafa practitioners have been systematically detained and tortured for their beliefs by the Chinese communist regime, as documented by the United States Department of State, the U.S. Commission in International Religious Freedom, the European Parliament, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and many other governmental and third-party organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, European Parliament passed the resolution 2013/2981(RSP), and currently 201 US congress members co-sponsor H.Res. 281, expressing their concern over persistent and credible reports of systematic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from large numbers of Falun Dafa practitioners imprisoned for their beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, hundreds of residents in Orange County have signed a petition to urge the U.S. government to take all reasonable steps to bring an end to such a "new form of evil in this planet"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dragon Springs Temple of Falun Dafa practitioners is located in Cuddebackville, New York in the Town of Deerpark; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also our responsibility as human beings to raise awareness necessary to stop horrific crimes against our fellow human beings no matter what the cost.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that if all claims listed above are substantiated, that the Deerpark Town Board call on the government of the United States to condemn the persecution against Falun Dafa and the crime of harvesting organs from Falun Dafa practitioners and other involuntary donors in China.

**Motion to Adopt Resolution 24 of 2014 – Calling for Action to Help Stop the**

**Persecution of Falun Dafa in China**

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**Moved by Karl Brabenec 2nd by Ken Smith**

**Roll Call: 4 Ayes:**

**Councilman: Gary Spears  
Councilman: David Dean**

**Councilman: Ken Smith  
Supervisor: Karl Brabenec**

**Absent: Arthur Trovei**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of  
Deerpark this                    6<sup>th</sup>                    day of                    October                    2014.**

  
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**Florence T. Santini, Town Clerk**

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**Town Seal**