

*P*ROCLAMATION

HONORING TRUTHFULNESS – COMPASSION - FORBEARANCE

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa is an advanced peaceful spiritual practice system rooted in the Chinese Culture consisting of meditation, five gentle sets of exercise for the mind, body, and spirit and a philosophy that centers around the universal principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Forbearance; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, was first introduced to the world in 1992 by Master Li Hongzhi, is now practiced and cherished by over 100 million people in over 80 countries despite numerous practitioners being persecuted in China for their teaching; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa transcends cultural and racial boundaries and contributes to the universal dream of a peaceful, tolerant, and a more compassionate society and has enhanced the well-being of people from all walks of society; and

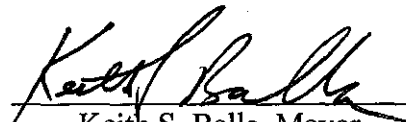
WHEREAS, more citizens of the United States are learning the practice that has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to improving health in mind, body and spirit by purifying their hearts, energizing their bodies, and striving to create virtuous communities; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa practitioners in the community across Somerset County and throughout New Jersey celebrate Falun Dafa on **May 13th** marking the 30th Anniversary of the introduction of Falun Dafa to the public by Mr. Li Hongzhi, and to be able to witness these values unfolding in the world at large is a privilege.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith S. Balla, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, along with Members of the Council do hereby proclaim May 13th as

“FALUN DAFA DAY”

and call upon its residents to help celebrate this day by honoring the principles of **truthfulness, compassion, and forbearance.**



Keith S. Balla, Mayor

May 5, 2022