

2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 43

September 8, 2003 – Introduced by Representatives Cullen, Lothian, Young, Hahn, Underheim, Berceau and McCormick, cosponsored by Senators Carpenter, Schultz and George. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming September 2003 Falun Dafa Month.

Whereas, Falun Dafa, also called Falun Gong, is a system to improve the mind
and body based on the belief in universal principles of "Truthfulness, Benevolence,
Forbearance"; it was introduced to the general public in China in 1992 by Mr. Li
Hongzhi; and it is credited with helping people worldwide improve their health,
mind, and body; and

Whereas, Falun Dafa is practiced by about 100 million people in over 60
countries; and Master Li Hongzhi, founder of Falun Dafa, has been honored by
officials all over the world with over 700 awards and honors, and is a 2-time Nobel
Peace Prize nominee; and

11 Whereas, Falun Dafa was first introduced to Wisconsin in 1998 and exercise 12 demonstrations and free seminars are performed on the University of 13 Wisconsin-Madison campus and many other locations throughout the State of 14 Wisconsin; and 2003 – 2004 Legislature

1	Whereas, Governor Scott McCallum issued a commendation to commend the
2	practice of Falun Dafa on July 8, 2002; as did Governor Jim Doyle on May 8, 2003;
3	and
4	Whereas, the Chinese president Jiang Zemin started to persecute Falun Dafa
5	practitioners in 1999, and since then more than 720 people are reported to have been
6	killed because they practiced Falun Dafa; and
7	Whereas, the photo exhibition "The Journey of Falun Dafa" was held in the
8	First Floor Rotunda of the Wisconsin State Capitol from July 1 to July 14 in 2002.
9	It documented the evolution of Falun Dafa from a respected self-betterment practice
10	in China during the early 1990's, to its growth throughout the world; now, therefore,
11	be it
12	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
13	Wisconsin legislature call upon the government of the People's Republic of China to
14	cease its persecution of Falun Dafa practitioners immediately and to release all
15	Falun Dafa practitioners from detention immediately; and, be it further
16	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk shall forward a copy of this joint
17	resolution to the Honorable Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, and to the
18	Honorable Yang Jiechi, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China, Washington,
19	D.C.; and, be it further
20	Resolved, That the Wisconsin legislature proclaims September 2003 as Falun
21	Dafa month.
22	(END)

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