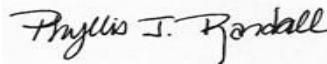


# RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS** Falun Gong, a spiritual practice involving meditative exercises centered on the values of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance became immensely popular in The People's Republic of China during the 1990s and;
- WHEREAS** the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) began persecuting practitioners of Falun Gong in 1999 by detaining them in labor camps, detention centers and prisons where torture and abuse are routine; and
- WHEREAS** Falun Gong prisoners are reported to receive the longest sentences and the worst treatment including mental and physical torture as well as the immoral practice of non-consenting organ harvesting and;
- WHEREAS** voluntary and informed consent is the precondition for ethical organ donation and international medical organizations state that prisoners, deprived of their freedom, are not in the position to give free consent and that the practice of sourcing organs from prisoners is a violation of ethical guidelines in medicine; and
- WHEREAS** Dulles International Airport, located in Loudoun County, provides international flights to and from China and as such presents a real opportunity for this unethical practice to occur in this area; and
- WHEREAS** the killing of religious or political prisoners for the purpose of selling their organs for transplant is an egregious and intolerable violation of the fundamental right to life.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Chair Phyllis J. Randall, Chair At-Large of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors stands in solidarity with the Falun Gong community and commit to raising awareness about state-sanctioned forced organ harvesting in the People's Republic of China.



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