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**To:** President and Members of the Munster Town Council

**From:** David F. Shafer, IAMC, MMC, CMO, Clerk-Treasurer

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**Copy to:** Patricia L. Abbott, IAMC, MMC, Accounting Supervisor  
Dustin Anderson, Town Manager

**Date:** June 8, 2015

**Re:** Proclamation Raising Awareness of Falun Dafa

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During the April 27, 2015, meeting of the Munster Town Council, Ms. Lisa Zhu requested the Council to adopt a proclamation in support of Falun Dafa, a form of physical and mental exercise. As a result of conversations with Ms. Zhu, the following proclamation resulted.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

By motion and roll-call vote, adopt the proclamation "Raising Awareness of Falun Dafa."

## **PROCLAMATION**

### **Raising Awareness of Falun Dafa**

**WHEREAS**, Americans are fortunate to live in a country that embraces the many cultures and religions of the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Individuals prosper when their minds and bodies are strong; and

**WHEREAS**, Practice of the spiritual movement known as Falun Dafa or Falun Gong enables high-level development of the mind, accomplished through meditation, as well as cultivation of the body, accomplished by performing specific exercises; and

**WHEREAS**, Though not a religion, Falun Dafa facilitates stress reduction, health improvement, and spiritual growth through its teachings which emphasize truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance; and

**WHEREAS**, In the mid- to late-1990s, the Chinese Communist Party and public security organizations increasingly viewed Falun Dafa as a potential threat due to its size, independence from the state, and spiritual teachings, resulting in efforts to eradicate the practice beginning on July 20, 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, It has been reported that millions of Chinese people have since been abducted, imprisoned, tortured, fired from jobs, expelled from school, or forced into homelessness because they practice Falun Dafa; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED**, That the Town Council of the Town of Munster does hereby proclaim July 20, 2015, to be Falun Dafa Day in the Town of Munster, and encourages all Munster citizens to become aware of this spiritual movement.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** By the Town Council of the Town of Munster on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015, by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_\_ opposed.

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF  
MUNSTER, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA  
By**

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**Andy Koultourides, President**

**ATTEST:**

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**David F. Shafer, Clerk-Treasurer**