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A RESOLUTION

Condemning the Chinese Communist Party for its ongoing 1 persecution of Falun Dafa (Falun Gong) practitioners and 2 denouncing its acts of transnational repression targeting 3 American citizens and residents, including those in the 4 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. 5 6 WHEREAS, In July 1999, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), 7 fearing Falun Dafa's popularity and independence from state ideology, launched a nationwide campaign to "eradicate" the 8 practice, establishing an extralegal security apparatus known as 10 the "610 Office" to direct its suppression; and WHEREAS, Over the past 26 years, millions of Falun Dafa 11 12 practitioners have been unlawfully detained, imprisoned, tortured or subjected to forced labor and coercive reeducation; 13 14 and 15 WHEREAS, Investigations and reports from the United Nations, 16 Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch and independent 17 tribunals have documented systematic human rights abuses, 18 including forced disappearance, torture and state-sanctioned 19 organ harvesting; and

WHEREAS, The documented number of Falun Dafa practitioners

- 1 who have died as a result of persecution has surpassed 5,200,
- 2 with the actual toll likely much higher due to suppression of
- 3 information within the People's Republic of China; and
- 4 WHEREAS, These actions constitute one of the largest
- 5 persecutions in modern history and amount to crimes against
- 6 humanity under international law; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The CCP's malign influence has extended beyond its
- 8 borders through acts of transnational repression, targeting
- 9 Falun Dafa practitioners, advocates and supporters in the United
- 10 States, including residents of this Commonwealth, through
- 11 harassment, defamation, digital intimidation and media
- 12 manipulation; and
- 13 WHEREAS, A February 2025 investigative report by The Diplomat
- 14 revealed leaked CCP documents exposing a coordinated campaign to
- 15 weaponize United States media, social media and legal mechanisms
- 16 to malign Falun Dafa and undermine cultural awareness
- 17 initiatives such as Shen Yun Performing Arts, an American-based
- 18 organization founded by Falun Dafa practitioners; and
- 19 WHEREAS, These activities represent a direct assault on
- 20 American sovereignty, civil liberties and freedom of expression
- 21 and serve as a test case for the CCP's ability to export
- 22 repression into the United States; and
- 23 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania stands firmly for
- 24 human rights, religious liberty and the right of every
- 25 individual to follow their conscience without fear of
- 26 persecution or foreign intimidation; therefore be it
- 27 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 28 strongly condemn the Chinese Communist Party for its ongoing
- 29 persecution of Falun Dafa, its crimes of forced organ harvesting
- 30 and its acts of transnational repression targeting individuals

- 1 in the United States; and be it further
- 2 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 3 affirm its unwavering support for the fundamental human rights
- 4 of all individuals to freedom of thought, conscience and belief
- 5 as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and
- 6 international law; and be it further
- 7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 8 urge the Congress of the United States and the Federal
- 9 Government to conduct thorough investigations and impose
- 10 sanctions under the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability
- 11 Act against CCP officials and entities responsible for these
- 12 crimes; and be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
- 14 the President of the United States, the United States Secretary
- 15 of State, each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and the
- 16 Greater Philadelphia Falun Dafa Association as a testament of
- 17 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's solidarity with all who
- 18 suffer for their faith and conscience under tyranny.