## CITY OF ORILLIA

OFFICE of the MAYOR

## **PROCLAMATION**

## Falun Dafa Day

May 13, 2022

WHEREAS:

Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is an ancient Chinese spiritual discipline in the Buddhist tradition. It consists of moral teachings, meditation and gentle exercises that are a unique and effective way to improve people's health and energy levels; and

WHEREAS:

Falun Dafa was first introduced by Master Li Hongzhi in 1992 in China. Transcending cultural and racial boundaries, today Falun Dafa is being practiced by more than 100 million people in over 114 countries from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS:

At the core of Falun Dafa are the values of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance. Through consistent and dedicated practice, the student of Falun Gong comes to achieve a state of selflessness, greater insight and awareness, inner purity and balance; and

WHEREAS:

The great compassion and forbearance demonstrated by Falun Dafa practitioners under the Chinese Communist Regime's most severe persecution have touched every kindhearted human being; and

WHEREAS:

Falun Dafa practitioners in the communities across Canada celebrate Falun Dafa day on May 13 and this year marks its  $30^{th}$  anniversary.

THEREFORE:

I, Steve Clarke, Mayor of the City of Orillia do hereby proclaim May 13, 2022 as "Falun Dafa Day" in the City of Orillia.

DATED THIS 14TH DAY OF MARCH 2022



