

By virtue of the power vested in me

I Do Hereby Declare

May, 2023

as

## **Falun Dafa Month**

in the City of Pembroke.

Whereas Falun Dafa, also known as Falun Gong, is a peaceful self-improvement practice rooted in ancient Chinese culture and centers around the universal principals of Truthfulness, Compassion and Forbearance, and consists of five gentle exercises, including meditation; and

Whereas Falun Dafa, was first introduced by Master Li HongZhi in 1992, and has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to improve health in mind, body and spirit, and to enhance the well-being of people from all walks of society who follow the tenets; and

Whereas Transcending culture and racial boundaries, Falun Dafa has touched the lives of more than 100 million people in over 114 countries. More men and women in Canada are learning the practice and purifying their hearts, energizing their bodies, and striving to create more peaceful communities; and

**Whereas** under grave adversity, the great compassion and forbearance demonstrated by Falun Dafa practitioners have touched the hearts of kind-hearted people all over the world; and

**Whereas** Falun Dafa practitioners in the communities across Canada celebrate the Falun Dafa Day on May 13<sup>th</sup> and this year marks its monumental 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

**Therefore, be it resolved that** I, Ron Gervais, Mayor of the City of Pembroke, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2023 to be observed as Falun Dafa Month in the City of Pembroke. I further urge all citizens to open their hearts to celebrate the Falun Dafa Month, and all civic, social organizations and business establishments to give this celebration the greatest possible support.

Dated in the Mayor's Office this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2023

Ron Gervais

Mayor, City of Pembroke