Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAIMS

SEPTEMBER 20 – SEPTEMBER 26, 2003 AS

SAN MATEO COUNTY FALUN DAFA WEEK

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa (also known as Falun Gong) is an advanced exercise and meditation practice system of mind and body based on ancient wisdom; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa was first introduced to the public in 1992 by Li Hongzhi, is taught free of charge and practiced in over sixty countries by about 100 million people in Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, North America and South America; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa has helped people around the world improve their health, calm their minds, and deepen their understanding of life and humanity, as well as inspired people from all walks of life to turn away from drugs, alcohol, violence and other bad habits towards a more harmonious life; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa emphasizes the cultivation of one's moral character through following the universal principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance. Its powerful holistic approach to health has been documented by media reports, as well as local scientific research; and

WHEREAS, since its introduction to California in 1995, practitioners have continued sharing Falun Dafa's exercises and teachings of truthfulness, compassion, and tolerance with their fellow citizens through free demos, workshops and classes in many libraries, community centers, senior centers, universities, YMCAs, parks, street fairs, and health expos; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa practitioners have unfairly faced prosecution, torture, incarceration, and even murder by the Chinese government; and

WHEREAS, Falun Dafa's contributions to society are widely recognized by leaders throughout California; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors designates the week of September 20 – September 26, 2003 as "SAN MATEO COUNTY FALUN DAFA WEEK."

DATED: September 20, 2003

ROCE LACORS GIRSON PRESIDENT