



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION

TO EDUCATE FREDERICK COUNTY'S RESIDENTS AND MEDICAL COMMUNITY ON THE RISKS OF TRAVELING TO CHINA FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANT IN LIGHT OF RECENT REPORTS OF STATE-SPONSORED ORGAN HARVESTING FROM PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE.

WHEREAS, extensive and credible reports have revealed mass killing of prisoners of conscience in the People's Republic of China from religious and ethnic minority groups, in order to obtain organs for transplants; and

WHEREAS, The China Tribunal, an independent tribunal sitting in London chaired by Sir Geoffrey Nice QC, who was a prosecutor at the international criminal tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, concluded on June 18, 2019, in a unanimous determination at the end of its yearlong hearings, that the killing of detainees in China for organ transplants is continuing and ongoing; and,

WHEREAS, an investigative report published in June 2016 by human rights attorney David Matas, former Canadian Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific, David Kilgour, and journalist Ethan Gutmann, estimated that China is performing transplants on "an industrial-scale, state-directed organ transplantation system, controlled through national policies and funding, and implicating both the military and civilian healthcare systems," as Kilgour described these practices in his speech to the European Parliament in 2016; and,

WHEREAS, in June 2016, the United States House of Representatives unanimously passed House Resolution 343, condemning the systemic, state-sanctioned organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience; and

WHEREAS, there has been little media coverage of this problem, yet dozens of Frederick County residents expressed concern to the Frederick County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Frederick County residents should be fully informed of the organ source in China before they make the decision to engage in organ tourism in China; and, WHEREAS, the Frederick County Board of Supervisors desires to assist in raising awareness in this regard;

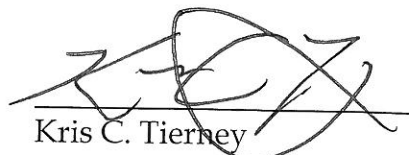
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Frederick County Board of Supervisors, that we strongly condemn the illegal and immoral organ harvesting being conducted at the direction of and under the protection of the Government of the communist Peoples Republic of China; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the residents of and medical community serving Frederick County and the immediate region, be informed of the inherent injustices of the organ tourism in China, and that travel to China for organ transplants may cause our local citizens to unwittingly become accomplices in state-sponsored forced organ harvesting from prisoners of conscience.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Frederick County Board of Supervisors shall provide copies of this resolution to the Frederick County delegation to the Virginia General Assembly and the Virginia delegation to the United States Congress.

ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2021.

Charles S. DeHaven, Jr., Chairman	Aye	Shawn L. Graber	Aye
J. Douglas McCarthy	Aye	Robert W. Wells	Aye
Blaine P. Dunn	Aye	David D. Stegmaier	Aye
Judith McCann-Slaughter	Aye		


Kris C. Tierney
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
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