



## Legislation Text

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### **Fiscal Note**

No appropriation required.

### **Title**

Recognizing the Wisconsin Tibetan Association and the Tibetan Community.

### **Body**

WHEREAS, on March 10th, Tibetans around the world annually commemorate their years of exile and celebrate the efforts to preserve and sustain their religion, culture, language and identity and to thank governments, including the United States, for its support during this time; and the City of Madison and Dane County annually marks this date by flying the Tibetan flag at the City-County Building; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has enacted legislation declaring Tibet an occupied country whose true representatives are His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan Government in Exile; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison supports His Holiness the XVIth Dalai Lama's Middle-Way Approach to peacefully resolve the issue of Tibet and to bring about stability and co-existence between the Tibetan and Chinese peoples based on equality and mutual co-operation; and,

WHEREAS, Madison has long valued the local Tibetan community and the Deer Park Buddhist Center located in the Town of Dunn, which is the site of one of the most important Tibetan cultural and Buddhist teaching centers in North America; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Madison values and appreciates the contribution of the Tibetan community and has been honored by multiple visits by the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, the leader of the Tibetan people as well as the spiritual leader of millions of Buddhists worldwide,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Madison Common Council recognizes the Wisconsin Tibetan Association and our Tibetan community which resettled here over 25 years ago.