

RESOLUTION 87-14

To Welcome His Holiness the Dalai Lama To the City of
Bloomington

WHEREAS, His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the spiritual and temporal leader of the Tibetan people, will meet with Congressional leaders, participate in interfaith services and give teachings on Buddhism during a 10-day visit to the United States, beginning on September 19, 1987.

WHEREAS, Thubten Norbu, a retired Professor at Indiana University in the Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies, is the brother of the Dalai Lama.

WHEREAS, in Plains, Georgia, on September 20, His Holiness the Dalai Lama will meet with former President Jimmy Carter who had visited Tibet last June.

WHEREAS, the upcoming visit will also take His Holiness to Washington, D.C., Bloomington, Indiana, Washington, New Jersey, and New York City.

WHEREAS, in the nation's capital, from September 21-24, His Holiness' scheduled events include: meetings with Congressional leaders, luncheon with Senate Foreign Relations Committee, address at Congressional Human Rights Caucus, receptions, teachings at Tibetan Meditation Center and an interfaith service, "Extending the Spirit of Assisi" in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at Catholic University.

WHEREAS, His Holiness will be in Bloomington from September 24-26. He was invited by the Tibetan Cultural Center founded by Prof. Thubten J. Norbu, a retired Indiana University Professor of Tibetan Studies at the Department of Uralic and Altaic Studies.

WHEREAS, on September 24 His Holiness will attend a dinner commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Tibet Society, an organization of Tibetan scholars, based in Bloomington.

WHEREAS, on September 25, His Holiness will consecrate the Tibetan Cultural Center's chorten, a Buddhist memorial, dedicated to more than one million Tibetans who lost their lives under Chinese occupation and to all people who have suffered political and cultural oppression. On the same day, His Holiness will be offered a Long-Life Prayer Ceremony, Tenshug (supplication for a long life) by Tibetan communities in the United States and Canada. This auspicious Tenshug offering will be done according to the traditions and protocols that are associated with such an event. This will be followed by a brief teaching by His Holiness to the gathering. A lecture is also scheduled in the evening at Indiana University Auditorium.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bloomington City Council extends its warmest welcome to the Dalai Lama and encourages the citizens of Bloomington to participate in the scheduled events of September 24 and 25.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 16 day of September, 1987.


TIMOTHY MAYER, PRESIDENT
BLOOMINGTON COMMON COUNCIL


ATTEST:


PATRICIA WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this 17 day of September, 1987.


PATRICIA WILLIAMS, CITY CLERK

SIGNED AND APPROVED by me upon this 18 day of September, 1987.


TOMILEA ALLISON, MAYOR
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON

SYNOPSIS

This resolution recognizes the importance of the Dalai Lama's visit to the United States and to Bloomington. The Common Council welcomes His Holiness and hopes his stay in Bloomington is enjoyable and enlightening. This resolution is sponsored by Councilmember Pam Service on behalf of the Tibet Society and the Tibetan Cultural Center.