

City of Santa Clara

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of October is Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month; Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month is celebrated throughout the month of October and is a global movement highlighting Hinduism as a tradition and contributions Hinduism has made to human society; and

WHEREAS, the State of California has the largest Hindu American population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara is home to a significant Hindu American population representing diverse ethnic backgrounds including individuals of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Malaysian, Indonesian, Afghani, Nepali, Bhutanese, Sri Lankan, Fijian, Caribbean, and European descent; and

WHEREAS, Hindu temples, organizations, and individuals in our society actively engage in seva, a Sanskrit word for selfless service, toward their fellow human beings through charity, public service, and the provision of free medical and legal services.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Santa Clara, do hereby proclaim October as

Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month

in the City of Santa Clara and call upon the Santa Clara's residents to increase their awareness, understanding, and appreciation of Hindu American history and traditions and seek opportunities to support and engage with the Hindu American community.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 22nd day of October 2024.



LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR, CITY OF SANTA CLARA



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