

**A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION HINDU HERITAGE MONTH  
OCTOBER 2022**

- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA AND THE NATION HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY CULTURAL, ETHNIC, LINGUISTIC AND RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY OF ITS RESIDENTS; AND
- WHEREAS,** THERE IS AN ESTIMATED ONE BILLION HINDUS WORLDWIDE, AND APPROXIMATELY 4 MILLION HINDU AMERICANS. THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD IS HOME TO A SIGNIFICANT HINDU AMERICAN POPULATION WITH DIVERSE AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS OF INDIAN, PAKISTANI, BANGLADESHI, MALAYSIAN, INDONESIAN, AFGHANI, NEPALI, BHUTANESE, SRI LANKAN, FIJIAN, CARIBBEAN, AND EUROPEAN DESCENT; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE YEAR 2022 MARKS THE 129TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHEN HINDUISM WAS OFFICIALLY INTRODUCED TO THE UNITED STATES BY SWAMI VIVEKANANDA AT THE 1893 WORLD'S PARLIAMENT OF RELIGIONS IN CHICAGO, IL; AND
- WHEREAS,** HINDU AMERICANS SHARE THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT OF AMERICA AND CONTRIBUTE TO BROWARD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD'S ECONOMIC VITALITY IN THE SECTORS OF BUSINESS, LAW, POLITICS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, MEDICINE, AND SCIENCE; AND
- WHEREAS,** HINDU AMERICANS HAVE GREATLY ENRICHED OUR COUNTRY THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE ACADEMIC FIELDS OF ASTROPHYSICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, LAW, PLANETARY SCIENCE, PSYCHOLOGY, AND NEUROSCIENCE; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CITY HOLLYWOOD AND OUR NATION HAVE GREATLY BENEFITED FROM HINDU AMERICANS, ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY, AYURVEDIC MEDICINE, CLASSICAL INDIAN ART, DANCE, MUSIC, MEDITATION, YOGA, LITERATURE, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE; AND
- WHEREAS,** HINDU AMERICANS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD CELEBRATE NUMEROUS HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS, SUCH AS DIWALI, WHICH CELEBRATES THE VICTORY OF GOOD OVER EVIL AND KNOWLEDGE OVER IGNORANCE; AND
- WHEREAS,** HINDU AMERICANS PROMOTE CORE PRINCIPLES OF TOLERANCE, PLURALISM, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, AND RESPECT TO ALL FAITHS. HINDU HERITAGE AWARENESS MONTH IS IMPORTANT TO FOSTERING GREATER UNDERSTANDING, ACCEPTANCE AND SOCIAL COHESION AMONG PEOPLE OF ALL FAITHS TO HELP COMBAT PREJUDICE; AND
- WHEREAS,** THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD RECOGNIZES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE RESIDENTS OF HOLLYWOOD OF HINDU HERITAGE TO OUR CITY, AND ENCOURAGES THE PROMOTION OF INTERCULTURAL UNDERSTANDING, MUTUAL RESPECT AND UNIVERSAL ACCEPTANCE OF OUR CITY'S CULTURAL DIVERSITY; NOW
- THEREFORE,** JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 2022 AS:

**HINDU HERITAGE MONTH**

SIGNED THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
OCTOBER 2022, AT  
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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MAYOR JOSH LEVY  
VICE MAYOR CARYL S. SHUHAM  
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON  
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI  
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER  
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN  
COMMISSIONER LINDA SHERWOOD