

**A PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION HINDU HERITAGE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2021**

WHEREAS, THE YEAR 2021 MARKS THE 128TH 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, THERE IS AN ESTIMATED ONE BILLION HINDUS WORLDWIDE, AND APPROXIMATELY 2.23 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, 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 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 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 2021 AS:

HINDU HERITAGE AWARENESS MONTH

SIGNED THIS 6TH DAY OF
OCTOBER 2021, AT
HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

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