



**PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 20 (year) AS HINDU AMERICAN AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** (jurisdiction) is enriched by its diverse cultural, ethnic, and religious landscape, including a significant Hindu American population; and

**WHEREAS,** (jurisdiction) appreciates the valuable contributions of Hindu Americans in various fields like education, science, law, medicine, and technology, and acknowledges their profound community service; and

**WHEREAS,** 20 (year) marks significant anniversaries related to Hinduism's impact on the United States, including Swami Vivekananda's 1893 address at the World's Parliament of Religions in Chicago; and

**WHEREAS,** Hindu Americans and the Vedanta philosophy have significantly influenced notable intellectuals such as President John Adams, Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Walt Whitman, J.D. Salinger, Christopher Isherwood, Aldous Huxley, Huston Smith, and Joseph Campbell; and

**WHEREAS,** Hindu Americans uphold the principles of pluralism, religious freedom, equality and justice, and contribute positively to (jurisdiction)'s vitality and wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS,** the Hindu community celebrates various cultural events and festivals in (jurisdiction), including Diwali, which promotes the message of triumph of good over evil and light over darkness; and

**WHEREAS,** Hindu Americans are engaged in selfless service, known as "seva," towards their fellow human beings, which enhances the social fabric of (jurisdiction); and

**WHEREAS,** Ahimsa, a foundational principle of non-harm in Hinduism, aligns with (jurisdiction)'s (jurisdiction) commitment to fostering a community of respect and unity.

**WHEREAS,** Despite their contributions, Hindu Americans face increasing instances of discrimination, harassment, Hinduphobia and anti-Hindu hate crimes, underscoring the need for increased awareness, training and prevention of these incidents; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED,** that I, (official's name), (official's title) of (jurisdiction), along with the (legislative body), do hereby designate the month of October 20 (year) as Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month in (jurisdiction), reaffirming our dedication to diversity, inclusivity, and mutual respect.

Proclaimed this (day) day of (month) 20 (year).

(official's name)

(official's title)