

PROCLAMATION

OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM PROCLAIMING

JANUARY 2022 AS TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH in the City of Folsom

WHEREAS, the Tamil community of the State of California has made a significant contribution to our city and state's diverse culture and population, including preserving and promoting the rich heritage of the Tamil language; and

WHEREAS, members of the State of California's Tamil community are dedicated to preserving Tamil culture, in part through language schools designed to educate young people about the Tamil language for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, the Tamil language is widely spoken in India, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and many communities throughout our nation and world; this language is central to Tamil identity; and

WHEREAS, the Tamil language is recognized as one of oldest and longest-surviving written and spoken languages in the world, with a traceable history exceeding 2,600 years; and

WHEREAS, The Tamil Community of Folsom is constantly contributing to the economic development of the City and has contributed significantly to bilingual literacy; and

WHEREAS, during January, members of the Tamil community celebrate Thai Pongal, a four-day harvest festival that coincides with the first day of the month Thai in the Tamil calendar; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento Tamil Mandrum welcomes and encourages all people across the City of Folsom to participate in this celebration and experience their rich and inclusive heritage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom is committed to encouraging and preserving native cultures and heritage within our incredibly diverse community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Kozlowski, Mayor of the City of Folsom, on behalf of the Folsom City Council, do hereby proclaim **January 2022, as Tamil Mandrum Heritage Month**.

PROCLAIMED this 14th day of December 2021.

Attest:

Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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