PROCLAMATION

OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2023 AS
HINDU HERITAGE MONTH
IN THE CITY OF FOLSOM

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom is committed to promoting diversity, inclusivity, and cultural understanding among its residents; and

WHEREAS, Hinduism is one of the world's oldest spiritual traditions, with a rich history and a profound impact on art, science, philosophy, and culture; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Heritage Month provides an opportunity for all residents of Folsom to learn about and celebrate the contributions of Hindu Americans to the fabric of our city; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been designated as Hindu Heritage Month in recognition of the importance of Diwali, the Festival of Lights, which is one of the most widely celebrated Hindu festivals and symbolizes the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance; and

WHEREAS, the Hindu community in Folsom has played an important role in the development and enrichment of our city through their contributions in fields such as science, technology, medicine, education, business, arts, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the values of peace, tolerance, and respect for all living beings, central to Hindu philosophy, resonate with the principles upon which the City of Folsom was founded; and

WHEREAS, during this Hindu Heritage Month, we acknowledge and appreciate the cultural diversity that strengthens our community, promotes intercultural dialogue, and fosters mutual understanding among all residents:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rosario Rodriguez, Mayor of the City of Folsom, do hereby proclaim the month of October as "Hindu Heritage Month" in our city. I call upon all residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the contributions of the Hindu American community to our cultural mosaic. Let us take this opportunity to learn from one another and strengthen the bonds that unite us as one diverse and harmonious city.

PROCLAIMED this 24th day of October 2023.

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Rosario Rodriguez, Mayor

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