



Proclamation

Of the Mayor

Of the City of Los Altos, California

WHEREAS, different cultures that contribute to the rich diversity of Los Altos celebrate their New Year at various times as a way to look forward with joy and optimism; and

WHEREAS, the diverse cultures of much of the Indian subcontinent and throughout the world celebrate the festival of Diwali; and

WHEREAS, Diwali is celebrated by lighting the “diya” – an oil lamp – which symbolizes dispelling darkness and bringing light into life and the triumph of good and fair over bad and unjust, with traditional offerings, rituals, and festivities; and

WHEREAS, Diwali is celebrated as New Year in much of the Indian subcontinent in the last month of the lunisolar calendar; and

WHEREAS, because of its significance, Diwali is an official holiday in India and other countries, including Fiji, Guyana, Malaysia, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago; and

WHEREAS, the people who celebrate Diwali and similar festivals are integral and important contributors to our society and to our Los Altos community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Anita Enander, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, and on behalf of the entire Los Altos City Council, do hereby

- (1) Recognize the cultural significance of Diwali and the similar festivals that celebrate bringing light into life and illuminating joy that dispels darkness that will be celebrated October 24, 2022;
- (2) Express our deepest appreciation and respect for the contributions made to our economy and civil society by all individuals in Los Altos and throughout the world who celebrate this significant occasion, and
- (3) Hope that the symbolism of Diwali will be shared by all in our community for the coming year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Los Altos this 11th day of October 2022.



Anita Enander, MAYOR