

CITY OF MEDINA, WASHINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 465

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MEDINA, WASHINGTON, RECOGNIZING DIWALI, FESTIVAL
OF LIGHTS, ON NOVEMBER 8, 2026**

WHEREAS, the City of Medina intends to nurture a unified community that will respect and welcome the values and cultures of all our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India has established a Seattle location, and the City of Medina appreciates and commends efforts of the Consulate to create and foster cross-cultural connections both internationally and among neighbors, to increase local knowledge and appreciation of India and the contributions of people of Indian heritage to this region, to celebrate Indian culture, to serve as a resource for our local Indian and Indian-American communities and to anyone interested in Indian culture, and to provide governmental assistance as needed for certain official documents and for anyone planning travel to India; and

WHEREAS, Diwali, Festival of Lights, is a deeply rooted cultural and social tradition with roots far back in India's history, is recognized by the government of India as a public holiday, is recognized by the United Nations as part of India's intangible cultural heritage, and is celebrated annually by millions of people around the world, including in the City of Medina; and

WHEREAS, Diwali celebrations bring communities together, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, hope and goodness over evil, knowledge over ignorance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Medina wishes to promote unity and joy as we enter the darkness of the late fall and winter season, to honor the vibrancy of our local Indian communities and the cultural contributions of the Indian people, and to foster mutual respect and understanding among cultures in our small city; and

WHEREAS, Diwali will be observed this year on Sunday, November 8, 2026;

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA, WASHINGTON,
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. November 8, 2026, shall be recognized as Diwali, Festival of Lights in the City of Medina.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption by the City Council.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEDINA ON OCTOBER 26, 2026
AND SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION OF ITS PASSAGE ON OCTOBER 26, 2026.**

Jessica Rossman, Mayor

Approved as to form:
Inslee Best Doezie & Ryder P.S.

Attest:

Jennifer Robertson, City Attorney

Dawn Nations, Acting City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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