



Proclamation

WHEREAS, Hindu Heritage Month is celebrated every October, which coincides with major Hindu holidays such as Navratri; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Americans represent a variety of ethnic backgrounds, including individuals of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Malaysian, Indonesian, Afghani, Nepali, Bhutanese, Sri Lankan, Fijian, Caribbean, and European descent; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 1.2 billion Hindus worldwide and approximately 2.5 million Hindu Americans living throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, our community has benefitted from the many innovations of Hindu Americans, including Ayurvedic medical, classical art, dance, music, meditation, yoga, literature, and community services; and

WHEREAS, we commit to embracing diversity and inclusion by paying tribute to Hindu heritage through education, acknowledgement, and celebration within our community; and

WHEREAS, we are proud to recognize the positive influence of Hindu Americans on economic vitality, growth, and wellbeing in the Snoqualmie Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Katherine Ross, Mayor of the City of Snoqualmie, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2024, as

HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

and urge all residents to celebrate the contributions made by Hindu Americans.

Katherine Ross, Mayor

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