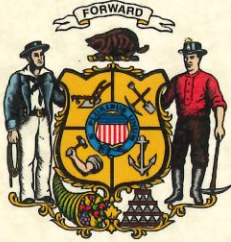


STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Hinduism is one of the largest religions in the world, with more than one billion followers worldwide, including several million in the United States; and

WHEREAS; Hindus represent one of the world's oldest civilizations as well as one of the newest and fastest growing immigrant communities in the United States; and

WHEREAS; Hindu heritage, culture, traditions, and values can provide guidance through many of life's challenges and often serve as a source of inspiration, reflection, and contemplation for the individuals who follow the spiritual teachings of Hinduism; and

WHEREAS; Sanskrit, a classical language of ancient India and South Asia, is the language of one of the world's oldest sacred scriptures, the Rig Veda, which is thought to have been composed as early as 1500 B.C.E.; and

WHEREAS; guided by a belief in promoting knowledge and education through dialogue, discourse, and debate, Hindu Americans have made significant contributions to all aspects of society—from science and medicine to business, politics, and industry—all while working towards a more peaceful, diverse, and inclusive world for all; and

WHEREAS; during the month of October, many people in the Hindu American community in Wisconsin and throughout the United States will collectively celebrate their heritage, traditions, culture, history, spiritual values, achievements, diversity, and contributions; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the vibrant Hindu American community, along with dedicated groups and organizations across the state, in recognizing the community's tremendous and innumerable contributions to the rich fabric of the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

HINDU RECOGNITION AND HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the
Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin
to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in
the City of Madison this 15th day
of September 2023.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State