

WHEREAS; India Day is an annual celebration of India’s independence from the United Kingdom, which occurred on August 15, 1947, with the passage of the Indian Independence Act granting sovereignty to the Constituent Assembly of India; and

WHEREAS; IndiaFest, which has been celebrated in Milwaukee since 2013, is the largest celebration of India Day in Wisconsin, drawing thousands of attendees and cultural program participants, on top of hundreds of corporate sponsors, market vendors, and volunteers; and

WHEREAS; in addition to commemorating India’s independence, IndiaFest Milwaukee celebrates Indian culture and diversity beyond borders, boundaries, language, region, and religion, and provides a platform for collaboration, connection, education, and growth by fostering cultural exchange and appreciation; and

WHEREAS; while this year’s IndiaFest Milwaukee was delayed and scaled down compared to previous years in order to adapt to the unique public health challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event served – as it always has – to promote diversity, inclusion, community, culture, and education; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin recognizes IndiaFest Milwaukee for its invaluable contributions to the Milwaukee community and to our state, and joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating and appreciating India Day, Indian culture, and the Indian community in Wisconsin; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim August 15, 2020, as

INDIA DAY

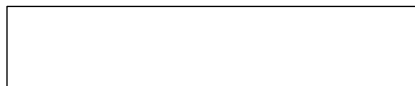
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state’s residents.

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 22nd day of October 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State