## STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; India Day is observed annually—in India and throughout the world—to commemorate the anniversary of India's independence from the United Kingdom on August 15, 1947, with the passage of the Indian Independence Act, which granted 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 every year, 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; today, the state of Wisconsin joins IndiaFest Milwaukee in celebrating India Day and in promoting diversity, inclusion, education, and the appreciation of Indian culture and the Indian community throughout our state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim August 15, 2021, as

## **INDIA DAY**

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

By the Governor:

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

Dougles (5 to Me

Secretary of State