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; and

WHEREAS: India Day provides an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to learn about Indian culture and its incredible diversity of language, region, religion, and more; 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 provides a platform for collaboration, connection, education, and growth by fostering cultural exchange and appreciation; and

WHEREAS: Wisconsin is home to vibrant Indian and Indian American communities, and the heritage, traditions, cultures, history, spiritual values, achievements, and contributions of these communities cannot be understated; and

WHEREAS: today, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsinites of all backgrounds and cultures in celebrating the anniversary of India’s independence 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 2022 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 29th day of July 2022.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State