

WHEREAS; Hinduism is the third largest religion 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; Hindus strive to achieve dharma, which is a code of conduct for living that puts an emphasis on ethics, morality, righteousness, duty, responsibility, law and order, service to humanity, nature, environment, ecology, and inclusivity; and

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

WHEREAS; we recognize that yoga, chess, buttons, cataract surgery, shampoo, algebra, trigonometry, and even the concept of the number zero represent just some of the major inventions and gifts of Hindu civilization to the world; and

WHEREAS; Sanskrit, a classical language of ancient India and South Asia, is considered by many to be "the mother of all languages" and is the language of the world's oldest sacred scripture, the Rig Veda, which is thought to have been composed as early as 1500 BCE; 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 our 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 in the Hindu American community in Wisconsin and throughout the United States will collectively celebrate its heritage, traditions, culture, history, spiritual values, achievements, and contributions; and

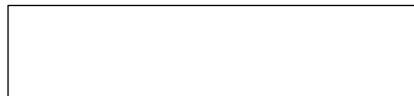
WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins our state's vibrant Hindu American community, along with dedicated groups and organizations across our state, including Spindle India, Inc., in recognizing its tremendous and innumerable contributions to the rich fabric of our state;

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

## **HINDU RECOGNITION AND HERITAGE MONTH**

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State