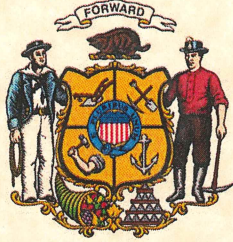


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## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, India Day is an observation of India's independence day, celebrated annually on August 15<sup>th</sup> since 1947 when the parliament of the United Kingdom passed the Indian Independence Act and granted sovereignty to the Constituent Assembly of India; and

*WHEREAS*, IndiaFest is celebrated in different cities throughout the world on or near India Day as a celebration of India's independence, as well as of Indian culture and diversity beyond borders, boundaries, language, region, and religion; and

*WHEREAS*, IndiaFest in Milwaukee is the largest celebration of India Day in the State of Wisconsin, drawing more than 65,000 attendees since 2013, as well as more than 55 corporate sponsors, 130 market vendors, 2,000 cultural program participants, and 140 volunteers; and

*WHEREAS*, in addition to celebrating Indian culture, IndiaFest Milwaukee provides a platform for collaboration, connection, education, and growth by providing a space for cultural exchange and appreciation; and

*WHEREAS*, IndiaFest Milwaukee promotes diversity, inclusion, community, culture, and education in Milwaukee by establishing a broad and collective appreciation of India Day, Indian culture, and the Indian community;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim August 15, 2019, as

### INDIA DAY

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.



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 1<sup>st</sup> day of August  
2019.

*Tony Evers*

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State