



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the significant contributions of Hindu Americans to the social, cultural, spiritual and economic fabric of our city and nation; and
- Whereas:** Hindu Americans represent a rich diversity of backgrounds and traditions, including individuals of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Malaysian, Indonesian, Afghani, Nepali, Bhutanese, Sri Lankan, Fijian, Caribbean and European descent; and
- Whereas:** the teachings and practices of Hindu philosophy - such as *Vedanta*, *Ayurveda*, yoga, meditation, and the celebration of arts, music, dance and literature - have enriched lives throughout Bellevue and across the United States; and
- Whereas:** October holds special meaning as the birth month of Mahatma Gandhi, whose philosophy of nonviolence inspired movements for justice around the world, and as the time of major Hindu festivals such as *Navaratri* and *Diwali*, which symbolize light, renewal and the triumph of good over evil; and
- Whereas:** Hindu Americans continue to strengthen Bellevue's civic life through service, innovation and philanthropy, embodying the city's values of inclusion, compassion and respect, while reminding us of the importance of understanding and celebrating the diversity that enriches our shared community.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 2025** as

Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month

in Bellevue, Washington and encourage all residents to celebrate the vibrant cultural and spiritual traditions of Hindu Americans and to continue building a community rooted in mutual respect, learning and shared prosperity.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue