



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** The city of Bellevue and the nation continue to be influenced by the extraordinary cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity of people in our communities, including a significant Hindu American population; and

**Whereas:** There are an estimated one billion Hindus worldwide, and approximately 3.4 million Hindu Americans living throughout the nation; and

**Whereas:** Hindu Americans in Bellevue represent a variety of ethnic backgrounds, including individuals of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Malaysian, Indonesian, Afghani, Nepali, Bhutanese, Sri Lankan, Fijian, Caribbean, and European descent; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue and our country have greatly benefited from the many innovations and contributions of Hindu Americans, including the Vedanta philosophy, Ayurvedic medicine, classical Indian art, dance, music, meditation, yoga, literature, and community services; and

**Whereas:** Many Hindu immigrants come to the United States as students, adults in search of economic opportunities, or to unite with family members, while others have arrived in this country after facing religious persecution in their countries of origin; and

**Whereas:** The Bellevue School District, as a community partner and influence on our city's future, is developing a Hindi language program as part of its international language program; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue is proud to recognize the positive influence of Hindu Americans on Bellevue's economic vitality, growth, future and wellbeing.

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **October 2023** as:

## **Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month**

in Bellevue and acknowledge the significant contributions made by residents of Hindu heritage to our city as we seek to increase awareness and understanding of the Hindu American community.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue