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Whereas: Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month seeks to bring local awareness, recognition and acknowledgment of the significant contributions made by Hindu Americans across the United States; and

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

Whereas: Our city and nation have greatly benefited from Hindu Americans, including through the Vedanta philosophy, Ayurvedic medicine, classical Indian art, dance, music, meditation, yoga, literature, community service and more; and

Whereas: October holds significance as the birth month of Mahatma Gandhi and the time for major Hindu holidays such as Navaratri and Diwali; and

Whereas: Many Hindu Americans are immigrants, some coming as students in search of better economic opportunities or to unite with family members, while others arrive after facing oppression; and

Whereas: Despite their positive contributions, Hindu Americans face stereotypes and misconceptions about their heritage and have been the targets of bullying, discrimination, hate speech and bias-motivated crimes.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October as:

Hindu American Awareness and Appreciation Month

in Bellevue to increase understanding of the Hindu American community and celebrate the influences of the extraordinary cultural, ethnic, linguistic and religious diversity of our community.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor



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