

**PROCLAMATION TO CELEBRATE
HINDU HERITAGE MONTH
OCTOBER 2021**

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Troy is a city with the second-largest percentage of foreign-born residents in Metro Detroit. The City of Troy is proud of our many Immigrants who call this community home and appreciate their valuable contributions in building and enriching our nation; and

WHEREAS, The City of Troy takes pride in celebrating significant milestones and events of historical importance. Therefore, during the month of October we join with our Hindu neighbors to come together and celebrate their rich culture and diverse spiritual traditions; and

WHEREAS, Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world, with one billion devotees worldwide and approximately six million in the United States. The Hindu heritage, culture, traditions, and values provide their followers invaluable solutions to many of life's problems and serve as a source of inspiration, reflection, and contemplation for the millions of individuals who look to the teaching of Hinduism for guidance; and

WHEREAS, Hindus represent one of the newest and fastest growing immigrant communities in the United States. The local community of people in the City of Troy who moved here from India or have ancestral ties to India, continually demonstrate the greatness in culture, arts, traditions, and beauty of their homeland, and their contributions are notable and reflect success in many areas including education, medicine, science, technology, and retail industry; and

WHEREAS, The leaders and members of the Hindu community throughout our region are to be commended for their active participation in our cultural, political, economic, and social life, as well as making profound and noteworthy contributions to our ongoing prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Our vibrant Hindu-American community has contributed tremendously to the City of Troy, the State of Michigan, and across our nation by enriching the lives of our citizens. During the month of October, the Hindu-American community will collectively celebrate its heritage by focusing on its culture and the diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Troy City Council hereby proclaim the **Month of October 2021 as Hindu Heritage Month**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we invite all Troy residents to recognize and celebrate the vital role our Hindu population has played in our Nation's history, as well as their outstanding achievements today and into the future. We applaud our own Troy residents and business owners and celebrate their contributions to our community and beyond.

Presented this 25th day of October 2021.