

**PROCLAMATION  
CELEBRATING 50 YEARS  
THE BHARATIYA TEMPLE**

**WHEREAS**, In the early seventies, there was a dream among Hindus settled in the Metro Detroit area to set up a self-perpetuating eternal religious and cultural organization which could fulfill the spiritual and cultural needs of the Indian community. An initiative towards this goal was taken when a group of about 30 persons gathered on January 25, 1975 at the Northwood Inn, Royal Oak to discuss this possibility. The idea of setting up a Hindu Temple was born during this meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, It was decided that the organization would represent all the good aspects of great Indian heritage and would attempt to foster and promote all aspects of Indian way of life, Indian philosophy and religion. The constitution and bylaws prepared by the ad-hoc committee were adopted during the first fund raising event held at the Kingsley Inn on March 21, 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, The committee agreed to provide a Temple for the worship by devotees and for other cultural activities. A new committee was charged with the responsibility of selecting an appropriate site for the Temple and subsequently, based on its recommendations, an excellent 18 acres lot at the northwest corner of Troy was acquired and this is the site where the Temple presently stands; and

**WHEREAS**, The formal inauguration of the **Bharatiya Temple** took place on July 19, 1981 by Swami Chinmayananda and Satguru Keshavadas. Since then, the Temple has grown significantly in terms of its activities, building expansion as well as in the size of the congregation; and

**WHEREAS**, Since 1975, The **Bharatiya Temple** has served as the leading religious, cultural, and educational center for the Hindu/Indian community of southeast Michigan. This momentous occasion marks five decades of dedicated spiritual service, cultural enrichment, education, outreach, and community engagement. The celebration will embody the values of unity, diversity, and harmony that have guided the **Bharatiya Temple** since their founding; and

**WHEREAS**, Over the past 50 years, the **Bharatiya Temple** has grown with major expansions in 1984 and 1991, and the construction of a new temple in 2012. More than 5,000 families utilize their religious, cultural, and banquet facilities, library, and senior citizens' center. Students from local schools visit the Temple often to gain knowledge of Hindu culture;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Troy City Council extends sincere congratulations to the **Bharatiya Temple on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary** and recognizes its impact upon not only its membership, but on the entire community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Mayor and City Council join the citizens of this community in appreciation and celebration of the **Bharatiya Temple's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on July 20, 2025** as they enter into their future with dedication to both their faith and their community.

**Presented this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.**