



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Hinduism (also known as “Santana’s Dharma”) is the third largest religion in the world with one billion devotees worldwide and nearly four million in the United States. Hindus strive to achieve dharma, which is a code of conduct for living that puts an emphasis on ethics, morality, righteousness, duty, responsibility, law and order, service to humanity, nature, environment, ecology, and inclusivity. The practice of Hinduism seeks to promote unity among all communities, increase awareness of the heritage’s values, and educate society on issues affecting the Hindu American community; and
- WHEREAS:** Sanskrit, a classical language of ancient India and South Asia, is considered by many to be “the mother of all languages” and is the language of the world’s oldest sacred scripture, the Rig Veda; and
- WHEREAS:** Hindu Americans represent one of the world’s oldest civilizations as well as one of the fastest growing communities in the country. Guided by a belief in promoting knowledge and education through dialogue, discourse, and debate, Hindu Americans have made significant contributions to all aspects of our society—from science and medicine to business, politics, and industry—all while working towards a more peaceful, diverse, and inclusive world for all; and
- WHEREAS:** During the month of October, the culture, history, traditions, achievements, and contributions of Hindu Americans are recognized and celebrated throughout the United States and in Georgia. Hindu heritage, culture, traditions, and values, including Yoga and Ayurveda, can provide solutions to many of life’s challenges and often serve as a source of inspiration, reflection, and contemplation for the millions of individuals who look to the spiritual teachings of Hinduism for guidance; and
- WHEREAS:** The state of Georgia embraces the diversity represented in our communities and seeks to afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Hindu Americans; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2024, as HINDU HERITAGE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.



*B. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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