



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

- WHEREAS:** Hinduism (also known as Sanatana Dharma) is the third-largest religion in the world, with over one billion followers worldwide and nearly four million Hindus in the United States. It teaches a moral and ethical way of life emphasizing righteousness, duty, respect for nature, environmental responsibility, service to humanity, and inclusivity, while promoting unity, awareness, and education within communities; and
- WHEREAS:** Sanskrit, the classical language of ancient India and South Asia, is widely regarded as one of the oldest languages and the sacred language of Hindu scriptures, including the Rig Veda; and
- WHEREAS:** Hindu Americans represent one of the world's oldest civilizations and are among the fastest-growing communities in the United States. Through dedication to knowledge, education, and dialogue, they have made meaningful contributions to science, medicine, business, technology, public service, and the arts, helping build a more peaceful, diverse, and inclusive society; and
- WHEREAS:** During the month of October, the culture, history, traditions, and contributions of Hindu Americans are celebrated across the United States and in Georgia. Hindu heritage, including Yoga and Ayurveda, offers guidance, inspiration, and solutions to many of life's challenges and serves as a source of reflection and spiritual growth; and
- WHEREAS:** The State of Georgia embraces the diversity within its communities and encourages all residents 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 2026, 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.



*B. P. Kemp*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Lauren M. Curry*

CHIEF OF STAFF