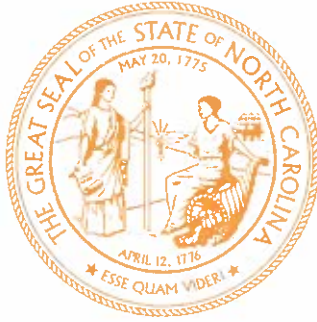




State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN
GOVERNOR

HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

AND

DIWALI

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world with one billion devotees worldwide and four million in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Hindu heritage, culture, traditions, and values serve as a source of inspiration, reflection, and contemplation for the millions of people who look to the teachings of Hinduism for guidance; and

WHEREAS, our vibrant Hindu American community has contributed tremendously to the vitality of the State of North Carolina by enriching the lives of its people; and

WHEREAS, Diwali, a festival of historic and religious significance, is celebrated annually by millions of Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists throughout the United States and across the world; and

WHEREAS, Diwali is celebrated by Hindus as a day of thanksgiving for the homecoming of Lord Rama and the beginning of the new year; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, the Hindu community across North Carolina and our great nation will collectively celebrate its heritage by focusing on its culture and the diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the State of North Carolina, it is with immense pride and honor that I recognize the contributions of all Indian Americans to our economy, history, and culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as “**HINDU HERITAGE MONTH**” and October 20, 2025, as “**DIWALI**” in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.




JOSH STEIN
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-third day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.