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***Hudson County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution recognizing October as Hindu Heritage Month in the County of Hudson***

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The Hudson County Board of County Commissioners is proud to recognize and commemorate the monumental achievements of the Hindu Community and desires to recognize the month of October 2023 as “Hindu Heritage Month.”

Hinduism is the third-largest religion in the world with over one billion followers worldwide and approximately three million in the United States. About three percent of New Jersey’s population is Hindu, making New Jersey the state with the highest percentage of Hindus in the United States.

Hindu influence in the United States dates to the trade routes between ports in India and New England in the early 19th century; their teachings and sacred texts are credited as a source of knowledge and inspiration for transcendentalist writers and thinkers, including Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Hinduism has directly contributed to the growth and diversity of the County of Hudson in all aspects, including education, music, government, medicine, philosophy, mathematics, literature, culinary cuisine, architecture, and the arts.

The Hindu heritage, culture, traditions, and values provide their followers invaluable solutions to many of life's problems and often serve as a source of inspiration, reflection, and contemplation for the millions of individuals who look to the teachings of Hinduism for guidance.

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

The County of Hudson strives to promote diversity and inclusion for all its residents while acknowledging that there is a need for public education and discourse to raise awareness of the invaluable contributions of the Hindu community; to combat religious discrimination and bigotry in our society.

Board Chairman Anthony Romano, the Hudson County Board of County Commissioners in conjunction with County Executive Thomas A. DeGise, proclaimed October 2023, as Hindu Heritage Month, highlighting the cultural and economic contributions of Hindus in the County of Hudson and State of New Jersey.

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