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Jersey City-The Hudson County Board of Commissioners recognized, commended, and honored Baps Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS) on their 50th Anniversary.

BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha (“BAPS”) is a worldwide Hindu denomination dedicated to fostering faith, inspiring service, and promoting better living.

His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj (1921-2016), established the first BAPS Hindu mandir in the United States of America on August 4, 1974 in New York City.

This year, 2024 marks fifty years of service and faith in the United States for BAPS.

Over the last fifty years, BAPS has grown to over 100 mandirs across the United States. These mandirs offer a welcoming and spiritual space for thousands of families, as well as worship, fellowship, communal meals, education, and activities for young and old, creating a true home for the faithful.

BAPS mandirs offer youth activities that encourage and mold young people to live lives of integrity and character that reflect our highest ideals.

BAPS mandirs bring His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj's words— "In the joy of others lies our own"—to life through support for those in need, through a variety of community efforts such as health fairs, food drives, or disaster relief work.

Following in the example of His Holiness Mahant Swami Maharaj, the volunteers of BAPS have, time and again, answered the call to serve, humbly, selflessly, and inspirationally.

BAPS mandirs have a storied history of helping immigrants to the United States retain their connection to their faith but fully embrace and join in American civic life. It also adds to the rich tapestry of diversity that makes America and Hudson County a beautiful place to call home.

The BAPS mandir in Jersey City is a proud example of how houses of worship contribute to the well-being of their congregants and local communities. It hopes to serve its congregants and the local community with even greater zeal in the next fifty years and beyond.

Board Chairman Anthony Romano and the Board of Commissioners recognize, commends, honors, BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha on the organization's commitment over the last 50 years to selfless service in communities across the United States, including Jersey City and Hudson County, and extend to BAPS volunteers a sincere appreciation for their meaningful contributions to others.

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