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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Hinduism, one of the world's oldest living
3 religions, has over one billion followers worldwide, including
4 a growing and vibrant community of Hindus in Illinois who
5 contribute to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of the
6 State; and

7 WHEREAS, Hinduism has greatly influenced global cultures,
8 science, architecture, literature, medicine, philosophy, and
9 art, advancing the shared knowledge and growth of humanity;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Hindu heritage celebrates values, including
12 nonviolence and truth, referred to as Ahimsa and Satya
13 respectively, in addition to tolerance, mutual respect, and
14 pluralism, and these values align with the principles of
15 justice and equality, which are foundational to the State of
16 Illinois and the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Hinduism, known by its followers as Sanatarma
18 Dharma, meaning "the Eternal Truth" or "the Eternal Way", is
19 not merely a religion but a way of life, emphasizing universal
20 values, including truth, or satya, nonviolence, or ahimsa,
21 compassion, or karuna, selfless service, or seva, and respect
22 for all forms of life; and

1 WHEREAS, Sanatarma Dharma teaches the interconnectedness
2 of all beings, the pursuit of knowledge and self-realization,
3 and the principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, meaning "the world
4 is one family"; and

5 WHEREAS, Numerous Hindu temples, spiritual centers,
6 cultural organizations, and festivals are based in Illinois,
7 further enriching the cultural landscape of the State and
8 fostering greater understanding and respect among communities;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans have made significant
11 contributions in the fields of technology, business, medicine,
12 education, science, art, and public service, enhancing the
13 prosperity and success of the State of Illinois; and

14 WHEREAS, For followers of Hinduism, October is an
15 important month that corresponds with the celebration of a
16 number of festivals, including Navaratri, Durga Puja, and
17 Diwali, marking it as a time of spiritual significance,
18 cultural expression, and community togetherness across the
19 State of Illinois and the United States; and

20 WHEREAS, Observing Hindu Heritage Month honors the
21 contributions of the Hindu community, promotes interfaith

1 dialogue, and encourages the celebration of Illinois' cultural
2 diversity; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare October
5 2025 as Hindu Heritage Month in the State of Illinois; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That we encourage the residents of Illinois to
8 recognize and celebrate the vibrant contributions of the Hindu
9 community to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of the
10 State.