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## SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Hinduism is the third largest religion in the 3 world with more than one billion followers worldwide, six 4 million in the United States, and over 250,000 in Illinois; 5 and

6 WHEREAS, Illinois is proud of its rich cultural history 7 and the many people who call our state home; and

8 WHEREAS, Illinois is home to a vibrant Hindu community 9 that has established 38 temples in Illinois, with the largest 10 being the Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago that hosts many 11 significant cultural events for the community throughout the 12 year; and

13 WHEREAS, Hindu Americans have made significant 14 contributions across all fields, including science, education, 15 medicine, law, politics, business, culture, sports, and more; 16 and

17 WHEREAS, Hindu heritage, culture, traditions, and values18 have enriched our great state; and

19 WHEREAS, During the month of October 2021, the Hindu 20 community across the State of Illinois and across our nation SR0545 -2- LRB102 20897 MST 29781 r will collectively celebrate Hindu heritage; and

2 WHEREAS, Hindu Heritage Month provides an opportunity to 3 focus on Hindu culture and its diverse spiritual traditions 4 rooted in India; therefore, be it

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5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL 6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare October of 7 2021 as Hindu Heritage Month in the State of Illinois and 8 extend greetings and best wishes to all those observing 9 October 2021 as Hindu Heritage Month.