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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Hinduism, one of the world's oldest living religions, has over one billion followers worldwide, with a growing and vibrant community of Hindus in Illinois, contributing to the social, cultural, and economic fabric of the State; and

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

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WHEREAS, Hindu heritage celebrates values such as non-violence and truth, referred to as Ahimsa and Satya, respectively, in addition to tolerance, mutual respect, and pluralism, and these values align with the principles of justice and equality, which are foundational to the State of Illinois and the United States; and

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

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1           WHEREAS, Hindu Americans have made significant  
2 contributions to the fields of technology, business, medicine,  
3 education, science, art, and public service, enhancing the  
4 prosperity and success of the State of Illinois; and

5           WHEREAS, For followers of Hinduism, October is an  
6 important month that corresponds with the celebration of a  
7 number of festivals, including Navaratri, Durga Puja, and  
8 Diwali, marking it as a time of spiritual significance,  
9 cultural expression, and community togetherness across the  
10 State of Illinois and the United States; and

11           WHEREAS, Observing Hindu Heritage Month honors the  
12 contributions of the Hindu community, promotes interfaith  
13 dialogue, and encourages the celebration of Illinois' cultural  
14 diversity; therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the month of  
17 October 2024 as Hindu Heritage Month in Illinois, and we  
18 encourage the citizens of Illinois to recognize and celebrate  
19 the vibrant contributions of the Hindu community to the  
20 social, cultural, and economic fabric of the State; and be it  
21 further

22           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

1 presented to the Governor, the leaders of local Hindu  
2 communities, and appropriate State departments.