

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, West Windsor is proud of its rich cultural history and the many people who call our town home; and

WHEREAS, our vibrant Hindu-American community constitutes a vital element of the Township's diverse ethnic and social fabric whose languages and cultures have enriched the lives of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, through Hindu-Americans love of family, community, and hard work, they have helped to uphold the founding principles of our nation for generations. Hindu-American entrepreneurs strengthen our economy and our community through their dedication and ingenuity, inspiring the next generation of American innovation by example; and

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

WHEREAS, Hindu-Americans in West Windsor contribute to our community every day as volunteers, first responders, educators, medical professionals, business owners, professionals, service personnel and in government; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, the Hindu community comes together to celebrate its heritage by focusing on its culture and the diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India; and

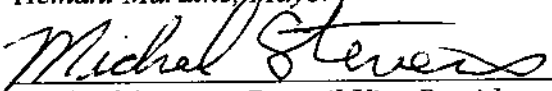
WHEREAS, we recognize the many contributions the Hindu-American community has made to our beloved Nation, State and Township.

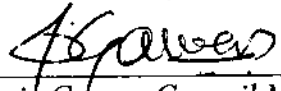
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED on this day 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Windsor, County of Mercer and State of New Jersey, that the Mayor and Township Council recognize October as:

"Hindu-American Heritage Month"  
in perpetuity

  
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Andrea Mandel, Council President

  
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