



Proclamation

HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

October 2023

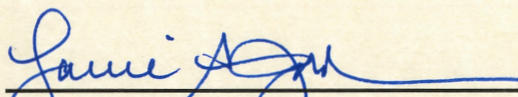
- WHEREAS:** Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world, with more than one billion followers worldwide, four million in the United States, and 11,000 in Ohio; and
- WHEREAS:** October is the birth month of Mahatma Gandhi and is also the month when Diwali is celebrated; and
- WHEREAS:** Throughout the month of October, the culture, history, traditions, achievements, and contributions of Hindus are recognized and celebrated throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS:** Hindu Americans have made significant positive contributions in all aspects of society, including science, education, business, politics, culture, and spirituality; and
- WHEREAS:** During the month of October, the Hindu American community in Gahanna and in communities across our nation will collectively celebrate its heritage by focusing on its culture and the diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India; and
- WHEREAS:** As one of the most diverse cities of its size in the Central Ohio area, the City of Gahanna embraces the diversity represented in our community and is pleased to recognize the Hindu heritage, culture and values that have enriched our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, do hereby recognize the month of October 2023 as an opportunity for our residents to learn about and celebrate Hinduism, to celebrate the contributions of the Hindu community, and to support Hindu residents of Gahanna, and do hereby proclaim October 2023 as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 2nd day of October in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor