



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Shoreline community is positively influenced by the extraordinary cultural, ethnic, linguistic, and religious diversity of its residents; and

WHEREAS, there is an estimated one billion Hindus worldwide, and approximately 3.4 million Hindu Americans live across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Shoreline is home to a significant Hindu American population; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Americans share the entrepreneurial spirit of America and contribute to Shoreline's economic vitality, growth, and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Americans have also contributed to many economic sectors and have particularly excelled in the areas of business, law, politics, information technology, medicine, and science; and

WHEREAS, Hindu temples, organizations, and individuals actively engage in seva, a Sanskrit word for selfless service, towards their fellow human beings through charity, public service, and the provision of free medical and legal services; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Americans promote the ideals of tolerance, pluralism, and religious freedom, which are inherent to their beliefs and respect the diversity of all faiths, and the Vedas, the 5,000-year-old texts of Hindu Americans, provide the basis for these core principles: "Truth is one, the wise call it by many names" (Ekam sat viprah bahudha vadanti);

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Keith Scully, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby recognize the month of October 2023 as

HINDU AMERICAN AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH

in the City of Shoreline. The City acknowledges the significant contributions made by Hindu heritage to our city and seeks to increase awareness and understanding of the Hindu American community.



Keith Scully, Mayor