PROCLAMATION

Hindu Heritage Month

WHEREAS, there are an estimated one billion Hindus worldwide and approximately four million Hindu Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redlands is home to a large and growing population of Hindu Americans; and

WHEREAS, the practice of Hinduism seeks to promote unity among all Dharmic and other communities, increase awareness of Hindu values and educate society on issues affecting the Hindu American community; and

WHEREAS, Hindu Dharma demonstrates through a living enlightened civilization that global peace is achievable and sustainable, and this begins with individual peace and spiritual awakening; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, the culture, history, traditions, achievements and contributions of Hindu Americans are recognized, and celebrated throughout the United States of America, the State of California, and the City of Redlands; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redlands values diversity, the variety of cultural traditions and encourages its citizens to better understand, recognize and celebrate the rich history and shared experiences of Hindu Americans; and

WHEREAS, across our City of Redlands, Hindu Americans have filled our communities with rich traditions, and abundant culture and the City is proud to recognize, during Hindu Heritage Month, their many social, cultural and economic contributions to our city, state and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands does hereby recognize the month of October 2026, as Hindu Heritage month in the City of Redlands. The City of Redlands encourages residents, educational institutions, and community organizations to observe Hindu Heritage Month through activities, events, and educational initiatives that promote understanding, cultural exchange, and respect for Hindu traditions and contributions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 6th day of October 2026.

Mario Saucedo, Mayor

Attest:

Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk