

WHEREAS, Hinduism is the third-largest religion in the world with more than 1 billion followers worldwide and 4 million in the United States; and

WHEREAS, during the month of October, the culture, history, traditions, achievements of Hindus are recognized and celebrated throughout the United States: and

WHEREAS, Hindu Americans have made numerous positive contributions in all aspects of society, from science to business to politics to spiritually; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's vibrant Hindu American community has contributed tremendously to the vitality of the state and enriched the lives of its citizens, and

WHEREAS, Hindus strive to live by dharma, which is a code of living that emphasizes good conduct, morality, acceptance of all and living in harmony with nature, and

WHEREAS, during the month of October 2023, the Hindu American community will collectively celebrate its heritage by focusing on its culture and the diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India.

Now therefore, I, Ronald Jubin, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, County of Somerset, along with Members of the Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2023 as

Hindu Heritage Month

in Watchung and I urge residents to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Ronald Jubin, Ph.D. Mayor October 5, 2023