



**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER AS
HINDU HERITAGE MONTH IN NEW ALBANY**

WHEREAS, New Albany is home to a diverse and inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, the culture, history, traditions, achievements, and contributions of Hindus are recognized and celebrated in Ohio and throughout the United States during the month of October; and

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, Hindus strive to achieve dharma, which is a code of living that emphasizes good conduct and morality; and,

WHEREAS, Hindus have made professional contributions in New Albany which span numerous industries including retail, healthcare, insurance, academia, telecom, technology, law, finance, art and more; and

WHEREAS, New Albany attracts Hindu Americans from all around the country and world; and the community is growing, in part from corporate initiatives and in part from how diversity is embraced; and

WHEREAS, the American Hindu community will collectively celebrate its heritage by focusing on its culture and the diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India, including Navratri festivities (October 15-24) and Diwali celebrations (November 9-14).

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of Council and the residents of New Albany, declare October 2023 as **Hindu Heritage Month** to provide an opportunity for our residents to learn about and celebrate Hinduism, to celebrate the contributions of the Hindu community as a whole, and to support Hindu residents of New Albany.

WHEREBY, I set my hand and seal this 17th day of October, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "S.T. Spalding", is written over a horizontal line. Below the line, the name "Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor" is printed in a black, sans-serif font.

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor

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