



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

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

WHEREAS, Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world with more than 1 billion followers worldwide, 6 million in the United States, and 11,000 in Ohio; and

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

WHEREAS, American Hindus have made numerous positive contributions in all aspects of society, from science to business to politics to spirituality; and

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

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

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

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 2021 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 5th day of October, 2021.



Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor