



**A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE FESTIVAL  
OF DIWALI IN NEW ALBANY**

**WHEREAS**, Diwali is one of the most celebrated festivals of great significance to Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists and more, and is celebrated annually by millions throughout the United States, and across the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Diwali, the U.S. Congress has officially passed a unanimous resolution in 2007 and has since been a part of official White House celebrations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and Buddhist communities which are comprised of mostly Indian and South Asian Americans, as well as other diverse races and ethnicities, constitute a vital part of the City of New Albany's diverse ethnic and social fabric, whose languages, cultures, and beliefs have enriched our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the word "Diwali" is a shortened version of the Sanskrit term "Deepavali," which means "a row of lamps"; and

**WHEREAS**, Diwali is a festival of lights during which celebrants light small oil lamps, called diyas, placed around the home, and pray for knowledge, peace, and universal well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, the rows of lamps symbolize the light of knowledge and truth within the individual that signifies the destruction of all negative qualities—violence, anger, jealousy, ignorance, greed, fear, or suffering; Diwali celebrates the victory of good over evil; and

**WHEREAS**, Diwali renews the commitment to upholding values of truth, non-harming, charitable giving, and community service.

**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 26, 2024, as **Diwali Celebration Day**, to acknowledge the historical, cultural, and global significance of Diwali, to recognize the contributions of Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists to New Albany and the world, and to convey the best wishes to everyone celebrating Diwali.

**WHEREBY**, I set my hand and seal this 26th day of October, 2024.

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

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF [illegible]

Know all men by these presents, that [illegible] of the County of [illegible] State of Texas, for and in consideration of the sum of [illegible] Dollars, to [illegible] in hand paid by [illegible], the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have granted, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do grant, sell and convey unto the said [illegible] of the County of [illegible] State of Texas, all that certain [illegible]

tract of land, situate in the County of [illegible] State of Texas, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

[illegible]

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto the said [illegible] and his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said [illegible] do hereby covenant and warrant unto the said [illegible] and his heirs and assigns forever, that the said [illegible] is well and lawfully entitled to the above described premises, and that the same are free from all liens, taxes and other encumbrances, and that the same are not subject to any claim of any third party.

And the said [illegible] do hereby covenant and warrant unto the said [illegible] and his heirs and assigns forever, that the said [illegible] is well and lawfully entitled to the above described premises, and that the same are free from all liens, taxes and other encumbrances, and that the same are not subject to any claim of any third party.

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