



**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 in 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 and culture all through October, bringing diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India, including Navratri and Dussehra festivities (October 3-12), the Diwali celebration kick-off on October 26, here, in New Albany, and wrapping up with Dhanteras and Diwali (October 29-31).

**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 2024 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, and to support Hindu residents of New Albany.

**WHEREBY**, I set my hand and seal this 1st day of October, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sloan T. Spalding", is written over a horizontal line.

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor