

1 EXHIBIT 1
2 RESOLUTION NO. 2021-
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
5 HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AND
6 SUPPORTING THE RELIGIOUS AND HISTORICAL
7 SIGNIFICANCE OF DIWALI, THE 'FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS,'
8 INCLUDING DIWALI'S PREDOMINANT AND SOBERING
9 MESSAGE OF TOLERANCE, COMPASSION AND THE
10 EMBRACE OF VICTORY OF GOOD OVER EVIL WHICH
11 CONTINUES TO RESONATE WITH THE AMERICAN SPIRIT
12 AND FABRIC WHICH APPEARS AS THE PROMINENT THEME
13 OF LIFE FOR HINDUS, SIKHS, JAINS AND BUDDHISTS, IN
14 AMERICA, AND ALL OVER THE WORLD; PROVIDING FOR
15 CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND
16 PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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18 **WHEREAS**, the Hindu American Foundation and over one billion celebrants worldwide
19 reverently observe the festival of Diwali, the "Festival of Lights" symbolizing the victory of
20 dharma, and good over evil; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, Diwali is one of the most celebrated festivals of great significance of
23 Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists; and
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25 **WHEREAS**, Broward County is home to approximately 13,205 Hindus and Buddhists,
26 and approximately 20 Hindu and Buddhist temples combined; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, there is an estimated one billion Hindus worldwide, and approximately 2.23
29 million Hindu Americans live across the nation; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, Diwali was celebrated on Thursday, November 4 this year in accordance
32 with the lunar calendar, and brings together families, friends, and communities in the United
33 States and around the globe in goodwill, peace, and a shared sense of renewal; and
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35 **WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2021, the City of Hallandale Beach (the "City") proclaimed
36 October as Hindu Heritage Month; and
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38 **WHEREAS**, the United States Congress has officially passed unanimous resolutions
39 since 2007 recognizing the religious and historical significance of Diwali; and
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41 **WHEREAS**, Hindus are primarily an immigrant community and first started immigrating
42 to the United States in the early 1900s, and came in increasing numbers after the lifting of the
43 Asian Exclusion Act of 1924 in 1943; and
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45 **WHEREAS**, the City Commission believes it is in the best interest of the City to
46 recognize and support Diwali's predominant and sobering message of tolerance, compassion,
47 and the embrace of victory of good over evil, which continues to resonate with our American
48 spirit and fabric and appears as the prominent theme of life for Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and
49 Buddhists in the City, Broward County, America, and all over the world.
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51 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY**
52 **OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA:**
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54 **SECTION 1. Recitals.** That the recitals and findings contained above are hereby
55 confirmed, adopted and incorporated herein.

56 **SECTION 2. Support.** That the City Commission believes it is in the best interest of the
57 City of Hallandale Beach to recognize and support Diwali's predominant and sobering message
58 of tolerance, compassion, and the embrace of victory of good over evil, which continues to
59 resonate with our American spirit and fabric and appears as the prominent theme of life for
60 Hindus, Sikhs, Jains, and Buddhists in the City, Broward County, America, and all over the
61 world.

62 **SECTION 3. Transmittal.** That the City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this
63 Resolution to the Hindu American Foundation.

64 **SECTION 4. Effective Date.** That this Resolution shall become effective immediately
65 upon its adoption.

66 APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2021.
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