The State of Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of Washington state; and

WHEREAS, in December of last year, Deepavali was officially added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, Washington state is home to vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and South Asian communities whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic and civic fabric of our state; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Diwali reflects Washington's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our state and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India in Seattle, which recently established its presence in Seattle with jurisdiction over Washington and other states in the region, continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2026, as

Diwali, The Festival of Lights

in Washington, and I encourage all residents to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

Signed this 30th day of October, 2026

Governor Bob Ferguson

STATE OF OREGON

PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS: Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS: In December of last year, Deepavali was officially added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India; and

WHEREAS: Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS: The observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS: Oregon is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and Hindu community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our State; and

WHEREAS: Formally recognizing Diwali reflects Oregon's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our State and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS: The Consulate General of India in Seattle continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali.

NOW, THEREFORE: I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim November 8th, 2026 to be

DIWALI – THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DAY

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day October 21, 2026.

Tina Kotek, Governor

Tobias Read, Secretary of State

CITY OF AUBURN WASHINGTON

Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the City of Auburn; and

WHEREAS, in December of last year, Deepavali was officially added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and Hindu community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our City; and

WHEREAS, formally recognizing Diwali reflects Washington's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our City and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India in Seattle, which recently established its presence in Seattle, continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy Backus, Mayor of the City of Auburn, do hereby proclaim November 8th, 2026, as

"Diwali- THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DAY"

in the City of Auburn and urge our community members to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

DATED this 5th day of October, 2026.

CITY OF AUBURN

Nancy Backus

Nancy Backus, Mayor

THE CITY OF AUBURN CORPORATE SEAL WASHINGTON

CITY OF EVERETT

Est. WASHINGTON 1893

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the Everett community;

And, in December last year, Deepavali was officially added to the to the UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India;

And, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance and hope over despair;

And, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill and participating in acts of service and reflection;

And, the City of Everett is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and Hindu community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic and civic fabric of our city;

And, formally recognizing Diwali reflects Everett's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our city and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding and mutual respect;

And, the Consulate General of India in Seattle continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through share traditions such as Diwali.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, I, Cassie Franklin, Mayor of the City of Everett, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2026, as

"Diwali - the Festival of Lights Day"

And encourage all residents to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

Signed this 29th day of September.

Mayor Cassie Franklin
City of Everett

CITY OF EVERETT OFFICIAL SEAL STATE OF WASHINGTON

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MARYSVILLE

WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

Declaring November 8, 2026
DIWALI – THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DAY

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the City of Marysville; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and Hindu community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our city; and

WHEREAS, formally recognizing Diwali reflects Marysville's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our city and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India in Seattle, which recently established its presence in Seattle, continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali.

NOW, THEREFORE I, JON NEHRING, MAYOR, on behalf of the City of Marysville, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2026, as

DIWALI – THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DAY IN MARYSVILLE. I encourage all residents to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

Under my hand and seal this eighth day of October, 2026.

THE CITY OF MARYSVILLE

Jon Nehring, Mayor

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND

Diwali Festival of Lights Week - November 6-10, 2026

WHEREAS, Diwali Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including residents of the City of Kirkland; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Diwali was officially added to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India and for those of Indian descent; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and societal significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, Kirkland is home to a vibrant Indian community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our City; and

WHEREAS, formally recognizing Diwali reflects Kirkland's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our City and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India has recently established its presence in Seattle and seeks to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali.

NOW, THEREFORE, Mayor Kelli Curtis, proclaims November 6-10, 2026, as Diwali Festival of Lights Week in Kirkland and encourages community members to learn more about the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

CITY OF KIRKLAND INCORPORATED SEAL 1905 STATE OF WASHINGTON

Signed this 9th day of October 2026

Kelli Curtis

Kelli Curtis, May

City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Diwali, the "Festival of Lights," is celebrated annually by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists in Bellevue and around the world; and

Whereas: Diwali is celebrated over several days, with traditions and meanings that vary among faiths, cultures and communities; and

Whereas: the word "Diwali" derives from the Sanskrit word "Deepavali," meaning "a row of lamps," and during Diwali, celebrants traditionally light small oil lamps called diyas, symbolizing light overcoming darkness; and

Whereas: Diwali's themes of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance and hope over despair resonate across cultures and offer an opportunity for people of all backgrounds to reflect on shared values of compassion, renewal and community; and

Whereas: Diwali reminds us that Bellevue is home to many faiths, cultures and traditions, and that our diversity strengthens our community; and

Whereas: the City of Bellevue recognizes the historic and ongoing contributions of the South Asian community and supports Diwali celebrations that promote arts, culture, community participation, inclusion and social and cultural connection.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **November 8, 2026**, as

Diwali

in Bellevue, Washington and encourage all community members to celebrate Diwali's message of bringing light to the world through compassion, connection and building bridges of understanding.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue

Office of the Mayor
City of Tukwila, Washington

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the City of Tukwila; and

WHEREAS, in December of last year, Deepavali was officially added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and Hindu community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our City; and

WHEREAS, formally recognizing Diwali reflects Washington's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our City and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India in Seattle, which recently established its presence in Seattle, continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas McLeod, Mayor of the City of Tukwila, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2026, as:

Diwali – The Festival Of Lights Day

in the City of Tukwila and encourage all residents to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

Presented this 19th day of October, 2026.

Thomas McLeod, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Diwali

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the Bothell community; and

WHEREAS, UNESCO inscribed Deepavali also known as Diwali on its Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity in 2025, recognizing its enduring cultural significance and traditions; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bothell is home to a vibrant and growing Indian and Hindu community, whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, Indian community organizations, including the Consulate General of India in Seattle, foster cultural exchange and strengthen people-to-people connections between India and our local communities, helping celebrate shared traditions such as Diwali,

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mason Thompson, Mayor of the City of Bothell, do hereby proclaim November 8th, 2026 as Diwali – the Festival of Lights Day in the City of Bothell and encourage our community to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

Signed this 27 day of October, 2026.

City of SeaTac

Diwali -

Festival of Lights

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the City of SeaTac; and

WHEREAS, in December of last year, Deepavali was officially added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and Hindu community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our City; and

WHEREAS, formally recognizing Diwali reflects SeaTac's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our City and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India in Seattle, which recently established its presence in Seattle, continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mohamed Egal, Mayor of the City of SeaTac, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim October 27, 2026, as **DIWALI – THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DAY** in the City of SeaTac, and I encourage all residents to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

Given under my hand and the seal of the City of SeaTac
this 27th day of October, 2026.

Mohamed A. Egal

Mohamed Egal, Mayor

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF DUPONT

RONALD J. FREDERICK
MAYOR

Diwali – A Celebration of Light

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the City of DuPont; and

WHEREAS, in December of last year, Diwali was officially added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and Hindu community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our City; and

WHEREAS, formally recognizing Diwali reflects Washington's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our City and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India in Seattle, which recently established its presence in Seattle, continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronald Frederick, Mayor of the City of DuPont, do hereby proclaim November 8th, 2026, as

Diwali – The Festival of Lights Day

and I encourage all residents to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

Signed this 27th day of October 2026.

Ronald J. Frederick, Mayor

LYNNWOOD
WASHINGTON

Mayoral Proclamation

Diwali – The Festival of Lights Day

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the City of Lynnwood; and

WHEREAS, in December of last year, Deepavali was officially added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of serve and reflection; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and Hindu community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our City; and

WHEREAS, formally recognizing Diwali reflects the City of Lynnwood's on-going commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our City and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India in Seattle, which recently established its presence in Seattle, continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor George Hurst, do hereby proclaim November 8th, 2026 as Diwali – The Festival of Lights Day and encourage all residents to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

George Hurst

George Hurst, Mayor
November 4, 2026

Proclamation

City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor

Diwali – Festival of Lights

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the City of Edmonds; and

WHEREAS, Diwali has been celebrated for thousands of years by various cultures and symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, Diwali traditionally includes the lighting of oil lamps called "diyas," sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, for generations, local Hindu and South Asian communities that observe Diwali have contributed significantly to the cultural, civic, and economic vitality of the City of Edmonds and Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India in Seattle, which recently established its presence in Seattle, continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds is committed to recognizing Diwali in hopes of increasing the awareness of the rich cultural heritage and traditions of our local Hindu and South Asian communities and to come together in the spirit of friendship, inclusion, and community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Rosen, Mayor of the City of Edmonds do hereby proclaim November 8, 2026 as Diwali, Festival Of Lights Day in the City of Edmonds, and encourage all residents to join in recognizing and celebrating the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

Mayor Mike Rosen ~ November 2, 2026

CITY OF
ISSAQUAH
WASHINGTON

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the City of Issaquah; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, Issaquah is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and Hindu community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our City; and

WHEREAS, formally recognizing Diwali reflects Issaquah's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our City and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India in Seattle, which recently established its presence in Seattle, continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Mullet, Mayor of the City of Issaquah, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2026 to be

DIWALI-THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DAY

in the City of Issaquah and encourage all community members to join to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Issaquah on this 2nd day of October 2026.

Mark Mullet, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents in the City of Kent; and

WHEREAS, in December of 2025, Deepavali was officially added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, Kent is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and Hindu community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our city; and

WHEREAS, formally recognizing Diwali reflects Kent's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our city and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India in Seattle strives to ensure that India and the United States enjoy a comprehensive global strategic partnership covering almost all areas of human endeavor.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dana Ralph, Mayor of Kent, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2026, to be

Diwali – A Celebration of Light

in Kent, Washington, and I encourage all residents to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 3rd day of November 2026.

KENT
WASHINGTON

Mayor Dana Ralph

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the City of Tacoma; and

WHEREAS, in December of last year, Deepavali was officially added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds deep cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Diwali brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, Washington is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian community whose cultural heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our City; and

WHEREAS, formally recognizing Diwali reflects Washington's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our City and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect; and

WHEREAS, the Consulate General of India, Seattle, which recently established its presence in the region, continues to foster people-to-people ties between India and the United States, strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDERS IBSEN, Mayor of the City of Tacoma, do hereby proclaim Sunday, November 8, 2026, as

DIWALI - THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DAY

in the City of Tacoma and encourage all residents to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

WITNESS, THEREFORE, MY HAND AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON,
This 3rd day of November 2026.

ANDERS IBSEN, Mayor

CITY OF SPOKANE

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and cherished celebrations for millions of people around the world, including many residents of the City of Spokane, and in December of last year, Deepavali was added to UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity, recognizing it as a significant social and festive tradition of India; and

WHEREAS, Diwali holds cultural, historical, and spiritual significance, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair and brings families and communities together through traditions that include lighting lamps, sharing meals, exchanging goodwill, and participating in acts of service and reflection; and

WHEREAS, the state of Washington is home to a vibrant and rapidly growing Indian and Hindu community whose heritage enriches the social, economic, and civic fabric of our City and formally recognizing Diwali reflects Spokane's ongoing commitment to honoring the diverse communities that strengthen our City and contribute to its spirit of inclusion, understanding, and mutual respect, and the Consulate General of India in Seattle fosters ties between India and the United States by strengthening cultural bonds celebrated through shared traditions such as Diwali:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of the City of Spokane, on behalf of the people of Spokane, do hereby proclaim November 8, 2026 as

DIWALI – THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS DAY

in Spokane and I encourage all residents to join in recognizing the cultural richness, community contributions, and enduring values celebrated during this important festival.

I, Lisa Brown, Mayor of Spokane,
do hereunto set my hand and
cause the seal of the City of Spokane
to be affixed this
22nd day of November 2026.

Lisa Brown

Lisa Brown
Mayor



Proclamation

Office of the Mayor, City of Mukilteo

Diwali Festival of Lights Celebration 2026

WHEREAS, Diwali, also known as Deepavali, is a major festival celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs, and some Buddhists around the world, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over despair; and

WHEREAS, the festival's name refers to the rows of clay lamps, or diyas, traditionally lit to signify light, renewal, and the shared human aspiration for peace, wisdom, and harmony; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mukilteo, in partnership with the Mukilteo Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission, will host Mukilteo's first-ever Diwali Festival of Lights celebration on Thursday, November 5, inviting residents to experience South Asian culture through music, dance, cultural performances, crafts, henna, and festival décor; and

WHEREAS, this free community event offers an opportunity for residents to learn about Diwali traditions, enjoy artistic and cultural expressions, and celebrate the diversity that strengthens and enriches Mukilteo; and

WHEREAS, Diwali provides a meaningful opportunity for community members, whether celebrating a cherished tradition or discovering a new one, to come together in the spirit of light, hope, and shared celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby proclaim the month of November 5, 2026, as *Diwali Festival of Lights Day.*

Signed this 2nd Day of November, 2026



Joe Marine