

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

HINDU HERITAGE MONTH

OCTOBER 2026

WHEREAS, Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world, with one billion devotees worldwide and approximately three million in the United States; and

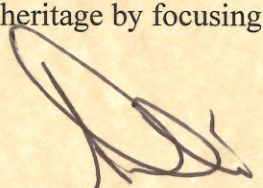
WHEREAS, Hindu-Americans have made significant contributions across all fields, including science, education, medicine, law, politics, culture, sports and more ; and

WHEREAS, the Hindu heritage, culture, traditions, and values provide their follower's invaluable solutions to many of life's problems and often serve as sources of inspiration, reflection and contemplation for the millions of individuals who look to the teachings of Hinduism for guidance; and

WHEREAS, the vibrant Hindu American Community, especially the Om Sri Sai BALAJI Temple have contributed tremendously to the vitality of the Township of Monroe by enriching the lives of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEPHEN DALINA, Mayor of the Township of Monroe, do hereby proclaim **October 2026** as **HINDU HERITAGE MONTH** in the Township of Monroe and I ask all citizens both near and far to join with me as we recognize this month of heritage celebration and participate fittingly in its observance. The Hindu community, across the Township of Monroe, within the State of New Jersey, and across our great nation will collectively celebrate its heritage by focusing on its culture and diverse spiritual traditions rooted in India.

Dated: October 1, 2026



STEPHEN DALINA, MAYOR