## HINDU HERITAGE MONTH OCTOBER 2022

- WHEREAS, the City of Fremont is proud to recognize October as Hindu Heritage Month; and
- **WHEREAS**, Hindu Americans have greatly enriched California's education system teaching numerous students about the academic fields of astrophysics, computer science, engineering, law planetary science, psychology, and neuroscience; and
- **WHEREAS**, Hindu Americans have made significant contributions toward pluralism, non-violence and gender equality and human rights; and
- **WHEREAS**, the Hindu heritage, culture, traditions, and values provide invaluable solutions to many of life's problems and often serve as a source of inspiration, reflection, and contemplation for millions of individuals who look to the teachings of Hinduism for guidance; and
- *WHEREAS*, California is the home of the first Hindu temple in the United States, built in San Francisco, and at the dedication of the temple on January 7, 1906, it was proclaimed the "First Hindu Temple in the Whole Western World"; Fremont, California is also home to one of oldest California Hindu Temple since 1983; and
- **WHEREAS**, by proclaiming the month of October as Hindu Heritage Month, the City of Fremont acknowledges the important contributions that Hindu residents have made to our City's social, economic, political, and cultural fabric; and
- **WHEREAS,** Fremont has a vibrant culture highlighted by our diverse community, and invites residents to learn more about the history, culture, and contribution of Hindu Americans.
- **NOW, THEREFORE,** the City Council of the City of Fremont, hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 as Hindu Heritage Month.