## Press Release

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Nashville Mayor Proclaims 10th August 2024 as India Cultural Heritage Day Nashville, TN – 16 June, 2024

-In a historic move, the Mayor of Nashville, Freddie O'Connell, has signed a proclamation declaring August 10, 2024, as India Cultural Heritage Day. To celebrate this historic day, an India Day Parade will take place at Nashville Public Square, Downtown, followed by an array of Cultural Program. The mayor's proclamation emphasizes the importance of inclusivity and the invaluable contributions of the Indian community to the cultural fabric of Nashville. By officially recognizing India Cultural Heritage Day, Mayor O'Connell has highlighted the rich heritage and traditions that the Indian community brings to the city.

## Key Highlights:

Date and Location:

• India Day Parade will be held on August 10, 2024, at Nashville Public Square Downtown.

Historic Significance:

• This is the first time in Nashville's history that a day has been officially dedicated to celebrating Indian culture and heritage.

Community Celebration:

• The day will feature a grand parade, cultural performances, traditional Indian food, and various stalls showcasing Indian arts, crafts, and heritage.

We are honored to announce that several distinguished individuals will be attending, including:

- Freddie O'Connel (Mayor of Metropolitan Government of Nashville & Davidson County)
- Napoleon Duraisamy (Former Central Minister, entrepreneur and actor)
- Mallika Sherawat (Indian actress)
- Shri Ramesh Babu Lakshmanan (Consul General of India, Atlanta)
- John J. Deberry (Senior Advisor to the Governor Bill Lee)

## Quotes:

India Association of Nashville President Adarsh Raveendran : "This proclamation is a proud moment for all of us. It is recognition of our community's efforts and contributions. We are excited to celebrate our heritage and share our rich culture with the residents of Nashville." For more information about the India Cultural Heritage Day and how to participate, please visit <u>www.iantn.org</u> or email us at iantn.org@gmail.com

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This press release serves to inform Indians across the USA and India of this major leap in recognition and celebration of their heritage in Nashville.



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