## City of Santa Clara Commendation

WHEREAS, founded in 2016, the Association of Indo Americans is a nonprofit organization providing a forum to explore the heritage of the Indian American community living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Indo Americans is a conglomerate of 48+ organizations with year-round programs, all of which work together to explore and share the rich heritage of the Indian American community living in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Indo Americans organizes and celebrates major Indian festivals throughout the year, including India's Republic Day, Holi – Festival of Colors, Maya Bazaar, Swades – Indian Independence Day, and Diwali; and

WHEREAS, the Association of Indo Americans is committed to providing support services to members of the Indian American community in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Association of Indo Americans is to foster and promote cultural and social interactions, facilitate cultural events and educational programs pertaining to the Indian subcontinent, celebrate the cultural heritage of the Indian subcontinent, and share culture in the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize and congratulate the

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and commend the organization for its service to the community and commitment to promoting Indian American culture in the City of Santa Clara.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024.

LISA M. GILLMOR MAYOR City of Santa Clara