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2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 69

September 6, 2023 - Introduced by Representative MELOTIK, cosponsored by Senator KNODL. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: observing August 15, 2023, as India Day in Wisconsin.

Whereas, August 15, 2023, marks the 76th anniversary of the effective date of the India Independence Act on August 15, 1947, and the resulting establishment of India as a sovereign state independent from the United Kingdom; and

Whereas, Indian citizens, people of Indian descent, and many others worldwide have celebrated India's Independence Day on August 15 each year since 1947; and

Whereas, the celebration of India's Independence Day provides important opportunities to recognize and commemorate India's cultural diversity, extensive history, and the many historical and modern contributions of Indian immigrants and those of Indian descent to the past and present both in Wisconsin and across the world; and

Whereas, IndiaFest Wisconsin has been held annually since 2013 and features

hundreds of volunteers, thousands of attendees, and dozens of corporate sponsors all gathering to celebrate India's independence, culture, and heritage; and

Whereas, a variety of sponsors, including the nonprofit organization Spindle India, Inc., have made such celebrations possible through generous donations of time, effort, and resources that expand cultural education, bring communities together, and promote collaboration between India and the United States; and

Whereas, the continuing efforts of IndiaFest's organizers and volunteers each and every year represent invaluable contributions that have and will continue to advance cultural understanding of the Indian community and promote diversity and inclusion for years to come; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature observes August 15, 2023, as India Day in Wisconsin.

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