



Office of the
MAYOR
City of Newark, New Jersey

Proclamation

HINDUISM
January 11, 2023

WHEREAS: **HINDUISM** is the third-largest religion in the world, dating back for thousands of years. More than 2 billion people in more than 100 nations across the world, including the United States, are **HINDUS**. They have maintained their faith in the face of much persecution; and

WHEREAS: **HINDUISM** has at its core the cultural values of Advaita (Oneness) and Ahimsa (Non-violence). With its emphasis on education, Hinduism has made advances in health, law, banking, accounting, architecture, civil engineering, performing arts, medicine, and many other fields; and

WHEREAS: On January 3, 1978, Jagatguru Mahasannidhanam (JGM), His Divine Holiness (HDH) Nithyananda Paramashivam, Sovereign of the United States of Kalaisa, was incarnated as Supreme Pontiff of **HINDUISM** (SPH). The SPH revived the matrilineal society of the **HINDU** civilization to empower women and youth globally, and continues to do so; and

WHEREAS: **HINDUISM** is one of humanity's great spiritual forces, uniting billions of people across the planet in the pursuit of education, oneness, and non-violence. Its message of peaceful co-existence transcends all walks of life. **Kalaisa USA** operates in all 50 states, operating food pantries; and

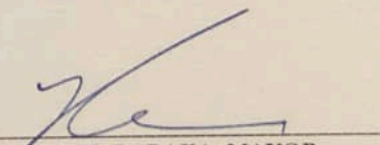
WHEREAS: As Mayor of Newark, I salute **HINDUISM**, as the City signs a Sister-City Agreement with the Sovereign State of **Shrikailasa** today, recognizing it and **Kalaisa's** role in supporting the faith and in fighting hunger.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAS J. BARAKA, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, do hereby recognize:

HINDUISM

and I urge all residents, employees, and visitors in the City of Newark to join me in this special tribute to **HINDUISM**.

SIGNED: _____


RAS J. BARAKA, MAYOR

