

## City of Arcadia PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, February 18, 2023 marks the auspicious day of Mahaparamashivaratri, the day to celebrate the enlightenment, state, space, powers and being of Paramashiva, the Primordial Hindu Divinity, and achieve the ultimate for ourselves and for the world. Mahaparamashivaratri is the preeminent annual Hindu celebration observed by millions of Hindus; and

WHEREAS, the ancient holy scripture of Hinduism, Arunachala Purana depicts the historic happening of Mahaparamashivaratri as Paramashiva, taking the form of an endless shaft of light spanning earth and sky. Every year on Mahaparamashivaratri, by a most rare and auspicious alignment of cosmic forces, a tiny reflection of the same explosion of Superconscious energy happens thereby removing the darkness of ignorance and giving Enlightenment to the whole Cosmos and to all of humanity, creating a more peaceful, blissful and united world; and

WHEREAS, Mahaparamashivaratri is grandly celebrated through various ancient indigenous sacred Hindu rituals across the globe under the auspices of The Supreme Pontiff of Hinduism (SPH) Bhagavan Nithyananda Paramashivam; and

WHEREAS, The SPH Nithyananda Paramashivam is the Head of 21 ancient indigenous Kingdoms of Hinduism. The SPH is reviving Hinduism to its full glory in the United States of KAILASA, the First Sovereign State for Hindus, which stands for human rights and religious freedom for all Hindus worldwide, protecting Hindus from persecution in over 100 countries; and

WHEREAS, KAILASA stands for all great values enshrined in the constitution of KAILASA - the Vedas and the Agamas. It is governed by the Sovereign Order of SHRIKAILASA, the oldest Governing Body for Hinduism. KAILASA's vision and mission is enlightened living for all of humanity which is rooted in the fundamental principle of Advaita or Oneness — the idea that all beings can live in peace and harmony, and that all human beings are equal and divine, and can reach their highest potential.

NOW, HEREFORE, I, Paul P. Cheng, Mayor of the City of Arcadia, do hereby proclaim February 18th, 2023, as the celebration of Mahaparamashivaratri in the City of Arcadia, and congratulate The SPH Bhagavan Nithyananda Paramashivam, The Sovereign of the United States of KAILASA and appreciate His contributions to Hinduism and humanity.

Dated this
18<sup>th</sup> Day of February, 2023

Paul P. Cheng, Mayor

