

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

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2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 66

September 8, 2023 – Introduced by Senator KNODL, cosponsored by Representative MELOTIK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: observing August 15, 2023, as India Day in Wisconsin.
2	Whereas, August 15, 2023, marks the 76th anniversary of the effective date of
3	the India Independence Act on August 15, 1947, and the resulting establishment of
4	India as a sovereign state independent from the United Kingdom; and
5	Whereas, Indian citizens, people of Indian descent, and many others worldwide
6	have celebrated India's Independence Day on August 15 each year since 1947; and
7	Whereas, the celebration of India's Independence Day provides important
8	opportunities to recognize and commemorate India's cultural diversity, extensive
9	history, and the many historical and modern contributions of Indian immigrants and
10	those of Indian descent to the past and present both in Wisconsin and across the
11	world; and
12	Whereas, IndiaFest Wisconsin has been held annually since 2013 and features
13	hundreds of volunteers, thousands of attendees, and dozens of corporate sponsors all
14	gathering to celebrate India's independence, culture, and heritage; and

1 Whereas, a variety of sponsors, including the nonprofit organization Spindle 2 India, Inc., have made such celebrations possible through generous donations of 3 time, effort, and resources that expand cultural education, bring communities 4 together, and promote collaboration between India and the United States; and 5 Whereas, the continuing efforts of IndiaFest's organizers and volunteers each 6 and every year represent invaluable contributions that have and will continue to 7 advance cultural understanding of the Indian community and promote diversity and

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- 8 inclusion for years to come; now, therefore, be it
- 9 Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
 10 Legislature observes August 15, 2023, as India Day in Wisconsin.
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