



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
October 31, 2016

MAYOR SIMMONS
COUNCILLOR CARLONE
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COUNCILLOR DEVEREUX
COUNCILLOR KELLEY
COUNCILLOR MAHER
COUNCILLOR MAZEN
VICE MAYOR MCGOVERN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

- WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge held the first ever celebration of Diwali on Sunday, October 30, 2017, from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM in the Citywide Senior Center; and
- WHEREAS: Diwali, the festival of lights, denotes the triumph of light over darkness, of good over evil, of hope over despair and rejuvenation over death; and
- WHEREAS: Although Diwali is celebrated primarily in South East Asia, its message and themes are universal in their outlook; and
- WHEREAS: The first ever celebration of Diwali is evidence of the City's long tradition of Diversity and inclusiveness, it is also an acknowledgment of and appreciation of the large and dynamic South East Asian Community; and
- WHEREAS: The success of the event can be attributed to uplifting performances by: Brendan Gibson, Seth Heidkamp, Srikant Sarangi, Tim Boutelle, Raagini Jaawa of Boston-based band Charles Delta; Jada Willard; Students, Adrita Mukherji, Meghana Sen, Janya Utkarsh, from the LeanQuest Academy of Music under the guidance of Shuchita Rao; Michael Singh, Sapan Modi; Monishita Ray; Noura Khan; Sapna Govindan; Taylor Maurand; Erica Hartnett; Jess Kanwal; and Tania Ahmed and Nirmala Lynch from the Triveni School of Dance; and
- WHEREAS: The success of the event can also partly attributed to the many volunteers who assisted with different aspects of the event, including: Aditi Hazra, Aditya Nochur, Alka Agrawal, Amitha Bhat, Arvind Dotiyal, Carl Rothenhaus, Caroline Carnahan, Debra Mountout, Derrick Nash, Gayatri Bhojkar, Geetanjali Shukla, Geetha Patil, Gora Banerjee, Gouri Banerjee, Hareendra Ikkurthi, Himi Mathur, Kavi Waghlikar, Lizzie Devane, Molly LaFlesh, Mona Mandal, Naseem Makiya, Nitin Gujuran, Noreen Afifi, Pavithra Narayanasamy, Poornima Kumar, Rajesh Shah, Revi Balakrishnapillai, Rima Palkar, Rita Sengupta, Rita Shah, Romaine Waite, Rupal Shah, Sapan Modi, Sara Miranda, Shilpa Srivastava, Steven Powell, Tanuf Tembulkar, Vinita Lukos and Debra Copeland-Montout; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record extending its appreciation to all the performers and volunteers who made the city's first ever celebration of Diwali successful; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and is hereby requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to all Diwali volunteers on behalf the entire City Council.

In City Council October 31, 2016.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk

A true copy;

ATTEST:-



Donna P. Lopez, City Clerk