



**Genesee County
Resolution #2025-2078**

**A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2025 AS INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
IN GENESEE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the India Club of Genesee County, established in 1974, has served as a vital cultural institution in the greater Flint area for over 50 years, preserving and celebrating the rich cultural heritage, traditions, and values of the Indian community; and

WHEREAS, the India Club of Genesee County has significantly enriched the cultural landscape of Genesee County through vibrant public celebrations such as Holi, Diwali, Navratri, and Republic Day, which foster cross-cultural understanding and community unity; and

WHEREAS, the India Club of Genesee County embraces diversity and inclusion by welcoming individuals from all backgrounds to participate in its programs, creating opportunities for dialogue, connection, and mutual appreciation among communities; and

WHEREAS, the India Club's commitment to youth engagement, education, and community service strengthens cultural ties across generations while contributing to the well-being of the broader community through charitable initiatives and civic involvement; a scholarship fund through the Foundation for Mott Community College for MCC students has been set up; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bobby Mukkamala, a respected physician, leader, and the President of the American Medical Association, advocating for healthcare advancements and physician leadership nationwide, and his contributions to public health and community service has been instrumental in improving medical access and awareness in the region; and

WHEREAS, Ashoka Rao, a dedicated classical Indian dance instructor, founded Nrityanjali Dance in 1989; since, Ashoka Rao has played a pivotal role in preserving and promoting Kathak Dance, a traditional Indian dance form; in 2023, she was presented with the most prestigious "Michigan Heritage Award" in recognition of the outstanding contribution to Michigan cultural heritage; through decades of teaching, she has inspired generations of students, fostering a deep appreciation for Indian arts and culture within Genesee County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, C.K. Venkateswaran, a President of the India Club of Genesee County during 1982-1983, helped establish a vital cultural and social hub for the Indian community in the greater Flint area; his vision and leadership laid the foundation for the club's ongoing role in celebrating Indian heritage and strengthening community connections; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sudarsan Misra, a founding president of the India Club of Genesee County (1978-79), played a crucial role in establishing a strong cultural foundation for the Indian community in the greater Flint area. His long-standing dedication to the club has helped preserve and promote Indian heritage, creating a space for social and cultural engagement; even decades later, he remains an active member, contributing to the club's mission of fostering unity and cultural awareness; his leadership and commitment continue to inspire generations within the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of County Commissioners of Genesee County, Michigan, hereby recognizes the month of October as Indian Heritage Month in Genesee County and encourages all county departments to engage in celebratory activities and appropriate recognitions, such as participation in community events, sharing stories and learning about India and its contributions that it has made to our community and nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be entered into the official records of Genesee County and a copy be presented to the India Club of Genesee County as a symbol of recognition and appreciation for its outstanding contributions to cultural preservation, community engagement, and the promotion of diversity and inclusion within Genesee County and beyond.

MOVED: Weighill

SECONDED: Avery

VOTE: 6 YEAS, 2 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS, 1 ABSENT

Resolution adopted this 10th day of September, 2025.



Domonique Clemons, Genesee County Clerk-Register of Deeds

State of Michigan
County of Genese

I, DOMONIQUE CLEMONS, County Clerk and Register of Deeds of the County of Genesee, Michigan, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the above is a true and complete copy of Resolution 2025-2078 with original record thereof now remaining in my office,

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 25th day of September A.D. 2025.



DOMONIQUE CLEMONS, Clerk-Register