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Subject: Proposal to Officially Recognise October as Hindu Heritage Month

On behalf of the Hindu community, I respectfully request your support in recognising October as Hindu Heritage Month. This month is particularly significant as it coincides with key Hindu festivals, including Navaratri, Dashain, Karva Chauth, Deepavali, Laxmi Pooja, Chat Pooja, and Durga Puja. These festivals embody universal values such as inclusiveness, non-violence, and reverence for nature.

Hindus have migrated from 30+ countries and call Australia home, acknowledging Hindu Heritage Month would promote mutual respect and cultural understanding and enhance Australia's rich multicultural fabric. Several US states and cities have already recognised Hindu Heritage Month, serving as a positive example of how this recognition can contribute to social cohesion.

We kindly request that you consider passing a motion in Parliament to designate October as Hindu Heritage Month officially. This initiative would allow our community to share its traditions, festivals, and cultural contributions with the wider Australian public, fostering greater unity and understanding.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to further discussions on this proposal and exploring ways to celebrate and enrich our diverse society.

Sincerely,

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National President
Hindu Council of Australia

Key Points:

- October's Significance: A month of major Hindu festivals
- Promotion of Values: Inclusiveness, non-violence, and respect for nature
- International Precedent: Recognition of Hindu Heritage Month in several US states and cities
- Request: Motion to officially recognise Hindu Heritage Month in October

References:

- [1 Hindu Council of Australia: Festivals](#)
- [2 https://hindumonth.org/proclamations-2022/](https://hindumonth.org/proclamations-2022/)