

PROCLAMATION

Mahaparamashivaratri 2023

WHEREAS, The City of Redlands strives to be a community that is inclusive of all racial, ethnic and religious groups and their cultural and traditional observances and celebrations; and

WHEREAS, The 2020 Census identified 8.5 percent of residents of Redlands identify as Asian American and Pacific Islander, including many of the Hindu faith; and

WHEREAS, February 18, 2023 marks the auspicious day of *Mahaparamashivaratri*, which is the preeminent annual Hindu cultural and spiritual celebration observed by millions of Hindus worldwide; and

WHEREAS *Mahaparamashivaratri* may be observed by residents of Redlands and members of our AAPI community through various ancient indigenous and sacred cultural traditions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Redlands and this city council proclaim **February 18th, 2023**, as the celebration of *Mahaparamashivaratri* as a gesture of support for those persons in our community who observe and celebrate this occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 7th day of February 2023.




Eddie Tejada, Mayor

Attest:


Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk