

PROCLAMATION

Diwali Festival of Lights

WHEREAS, it is our honor and privilege to come together as a community to celebrate the Festival of Diwali, a joyous occasion that holds a special place in the hearts of millions across the world, transcending geographical and cultural boundaries; and

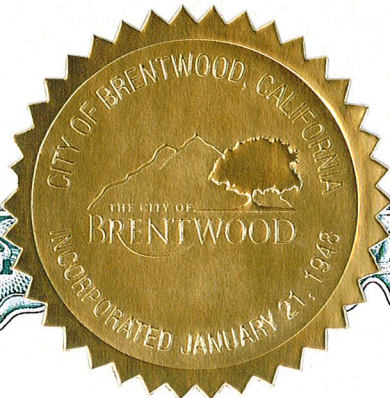
WHEREAS, Diwali, known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most significant and widely celebrated festivals globally, primarily observed by people of Indian origin. However, it is not confined to one nation alone but is celebrated with enthusiasm by Indian and South Asian communities worldwide. This festival extends over five days and marks the victory of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and the renewal of life; and

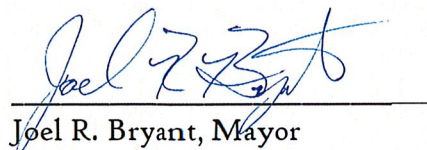
WHEREAS, Diwali is a time when families and communities come together, regardless of their cultural or religious backgrounds, to share the joy of the season. It is a time of reflection, gratitude, and togetherness. The lighting of lamps and candles during Diwali represents the illumination of our hearts and minds, symbolizing the eradication of ignorance and the pursuit of knowledge and truth; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Brentwood, which is home to a diverse and multicultural population, the celebration of Diwali takes on even greater significance. It serves as a powerful symbol of inclusion and unity. As we gather to celebrate this festival, we acknowledge and embrace the richness of our cultural diversity. Diwali showcases our commitment to fostering a community where people of all backgrounds come together in the spirit of unity, understanding, and respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the City Council of the City of Brentwood does hereby recognize the celebration of Diwali on November 12, 2023, and celebrate the cultural significance of this festival, not only within our diverse city but also among our global community

Dated this 14th day of November, 2023




Joel R. Bryant, Mayor