

Hindu Heritage Month in Alberta

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Dear Dr. Joshi-Sukhwal:

Thank you for your letter regarding Hindu Heritage Month. Premier Kenney has asked me, as Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, to respond on behalf of the Government of Alberta.

It was my pleasure to declare August 2020 as Hindu Heritage Month in Alberta to recognize the Hindu community and its contributions to our province. I hope all Albertans take this as an opportunity to celebrate the beauty, wisdom, tolerance, and diversity of our Hindu communities. As such, the government will consider your request for the proclamation of the Hindu Heritage Month as an annual celebration in the province of Alberta.

As the first government in over 25 years to name a Minister of Multiculturalism, we are focusing directly on strategies to celebrate and share the unique cultures, heritages and traditions of all Albertans in order to build a stronger, more connected Alberta.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

Leela Sharon Aheer

Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women

cc: Honourable Jason Kenney

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Honorable Premier Jason Thomas Kenny,

On behalf of the World Brahman Federation Canada and the entire Hindu Canadian community, I am writing to thank and congratulate you and the Honorable Leela Sharon Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, for declaring the month of August as "The Hindu Heritage Month" in the province of Alberta. Devoting a month to promote and foster Hindu Heritage will enable over 200,000 Albertans to connect and give an opportunity to the younger generation to learn about their origins, beliefs and facts about their culture and roots. Such a declaration also allows fellow Canadians to learn more about Sanatan Dharma practiced by Hindus.

As in the province of Ontario, it would be appropriate to formally recognize "The Hindu Heritage Month" by passing a bill in the Alberta Legislature so that it is a regular yearly feature in the province.

I congratulate you again for declaring August 2020 as Hindu Heritage month in Alberta and sincerely hope that this event will not be limited to 2020.

Sincerely,

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President

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