

Proclamation

South Asian Heritage Month 2025

WHEREAS, the Township of Joliet recognizes the rich cultural diversity that exists within our community, and values the contributions of individuals from various backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Joliet recognizes the vibrant and diverse South Asian community residing within our Township, whose members trace their roots to countries including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan, and the Maldives; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2020 census, nearly 5.4 million people in the United States trace their heritage to South Asia, making South Asian Americans one of the fastest growing immigrant groups in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, South Asian Americans have a long and rich history in the United States, with evidence of South Asian immigration dating back to the 1700s, and their larger presence beginning in the late 19th century; and

WHEREAS, South Asian Americans have faced challenges and discrimination throughout their history, including restrictive immigration acts and legal barriers to citizenship, but have persevered and contributed significantly to various fields, including business, arts, entertainment, politics, and community activism; and

WHEREAS, South Asian Americans have enriched our society through their cultural practices, including food, yoga, classical music, Bollywood, and more, which have gained followings among a wide range of Americans; and

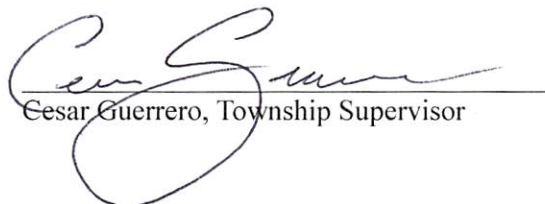
WHEREAS, during South Asian Heritage Month, it is important for all community members to come together to promote mutual respect, understanding, and unity among the diverse communities in our Township.

NOW THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the Board of Joliet Township Government, hereby proclaims July 18, 2025 through August 17, 2025 as South Asian Heritage Month in Joliet Township.

ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2025

ATTEST:


Kendra Landfair, Township Clerk


Cesar Guerrero, Township Supervisor