



**To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come,
Greetings;
Know Ye That:**

The Hindu American Foundation and more than one billion celebrants worldwide reverently observe the Holy day of Diwali on Friday, November 5, 2010.

Whereas, Diwali, the "Festival of Lights" which symbolizes the victory of dharma, and good over evil, is one of the most celebrated festivals of Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains; and

Whereas, Diwali is a time for *dana* (charitable giving) and *seva* (selfless service) by bringing light in the form of wisdom, knowledge, nourishment, and shelter in order to alleviate the tangible forms of suffering, such as hunger, disease, and poverty; and

Whereas, the shared Indian holiday of Diwali signifies a special time of peace and serenity, with the hope of building bridges of understanding and tearing down barriers of intolerance: now, therefore


I, Ed Emmett, County Judge of Harris County, Texas, hereby proclaim Friday, November 5, 2010, as

Diwali Day

in Harris County, Texas, and further offer my sincere wish for a joyful and inspirational Diwali, Festival of Lights celebration.



In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of Harris County, Texas, to be affixed this 5th day of November in the year two thousand ten.


**Ed Emmett
County Judge**

