

Mayor's Office

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, devout Hindus across the world and in our local community recognize the Supreme Pontiff of Hinduism Jagatguru Mahasannidhanam, His Divine Holiness Bhagavan Nithyananda Paramashivam as the 1,008th living incarnation of Paramashiva; and

WHEREAS, inspired by the Supreme Pontiff of Hinduism (SPH), KAILASA Seattle—located in Issaquah—has contributed to the Greater Pacific Northwest region since 2008; and

WHEREAS, the SPH initiated the "No Hungry Home" project during COVID-19. KAILASA Seattle and the Vedic Temple of Issaquah collaborated with local food banks in serving more than 30,000 organic, vegetarian meals free of cost, providing food security to the local community. This service was possible due to the dedicated 4,000+ hours of volunteer service in 2020 and 7,000+ volunteer service hours in 2021; and

WHEREAS, KAILASA Seattle has continued to be a center of wellness and service welcoming everyone. Since its inception, more than 3,000 Hindu rituals have been offered in the Temple. Over the course of the pandemic, online services have provided spiritual support for more than 10,000 participants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor of the City of Issaquah do hereby proclaim January 3, 2022 to be

KAILASA'S SPH NITHYANANDA DAY

in the City of Issaquah. I encourage residents to join in this special celebration and recognize the Vedic Temple of Issaquah's service to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Issaquah this 3rd day of January, 2022.

Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor