

PROCLAMATION

Diwali

The Festival of Lights 2023

WHEREAS, Diwali, the "Festival of Lights", is one of the most celebrated festivals of Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jains and it is celebrated by more than one billion people throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Diwali is symbolic of the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, compassion over despair, and knowledge over ignorance; and

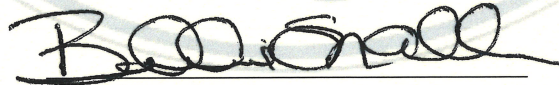
WHEREAS, Diwali celebrants light "diyas," small oil lamps, and place them around the home, and pray for health, knowledge and peace; and

WHEREAS, celebrants of Diwali believe that rows of lamps symbolize the light within the individual that rids the soul of darkness and ignorance; and love wins out hatred; and

WHEREAS, Diwali is a reminder we must commit to lift each other up together to a brighter future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove on behalf of those who are celebrating this important festival do hereby recognize the religious and historical significance of Diwali, and Diwali's message of tolerance, love, compassion, and the victory of good over evil.

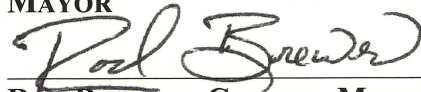
SIGNED this 7th day of November, 2023.



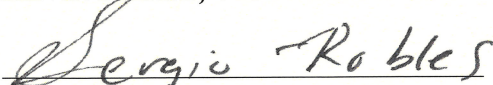
BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR



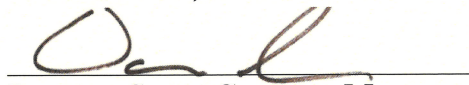
KEVIN SPEASE, VICE MAYOR



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