



Cover Memorandum/Staff Report

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TO: Mayor and Commissioners
FROM: Katerri Johnson, City Clerk
THROUGH: Chief Neal de Jesus, Interim City Manager
DATE: March 12, 2019

"HOLI" - INDIAN FESTIVAL OF COLORS PROCLAMATION

Recommended Action:

Motion to declare March 21, 2019 as "Holi" Festival

Background:

Holi is a Hindu spring festival, originating from the Indian subcontinent, celebrated predominantly in India, but has also spread to other areas of Asia and parts of the Western world through the diaspora from the Indian subcontinent, also known as the "festival of colours" or the "festival of love". The festival signifies the victory of good over evil, the arrival of spring, end of winter, and for many a festive day to meet others, play and laugh, forget and forgive, and repair broken relationships. It is also celebrated as a thanksgiving for a good harvest. It lasts for a night and a day, starting on the evening of the Purnima falling in the Vikram Samvat Hindu Calendar month of Phalgun, which falls somewhere between the end of February and the middle of March in the Gregorian calendar. The first evening is known as Holika Dahan or Chhoti Holi and the following day as Holi, Rangwali Holi, Dhuleti, Dhulandi, or Phagwah.