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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all the attendees of Anandamela: Joyful Festival of India. Anandamela is the largest Festival of India in the pacific northwest, drawing over 25,000 visitors every year. Anandamela seeks to present the cultural heritage of India in an enriching, educational and fun experience of the whole family.

Apart from the performances of various forms of Indian music and dance, the Festival also features quintessential facets of Indian culture, including delectable Indian cuisine, exhibits, arts, crafts, educational games, contests, cooking demos, and hands-on activities for all ages.

I applaud the Vedic Cultural Center and its dedicated volunteers for successfully organizing Anandamela in our community for more than a decade. This event serves to demonstrate an understanding and admiration of Indian culture. Thank you for building cultural bridges and promoting a strong, united community by providing events like this one.

My best wishes for a successful Anandamela!

Sincerely,

Brian J. CarterExecutive Director