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Dear Neighbors,

It is my pleasure to send my greetings to everyone attending the annual Ananda Mela – Joyful Festival of India. This showcase of Indian arts, culture, traditions, and heritage is not only the largest celebration of Indian culture in the Pacific Northwest, but one of the most exciting and enjoyable festivals our region hosts.

In a time where so much divides us, sharing our cultures is one of the best ways to connect and create community. This vibrant festival, with live performances, delicious food, engaging crafts, and educational workshops, is the perfect way to make new connections and strengthen existing ones. Ananda Mela has something for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy.

As always, thank you to the Vedic Cultural Center, founder of Ananda Mela Harry Terhanian, Artistic Director Latha Sambamurti, and all the volunteers who make this festival happen. I am sure you will find Ananda Mela to be a beautiful and enjoyable experience and will make lifelong memories.

Sincerely,

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