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Greetings from State Senator Manka Dhingra

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Dear friends and neighbors,

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you at this year's Anandamela - the Joyful Festival of India! This festival holds a special place in our hearts as it brings together people from all walks of life to celebrate and immerse themselves in the rich cultural heritage of India.

Anandamela has undoubtedly become a highlight in the Pacific Northwest, drawing over 25,000 visitors each year. It is a testament to the profound impact and importance of this event in our community. I commend the Vedic Cultural Center and its dedicated volunteers for their exceptional efforts in organizing this grand festival year after year, showcasing the true essence of Indian culture. The connections we make during this event help us build cultural bridges, fostering a stronger and more united community.

Beyond mesmerizing performances of various forms of Indian music and dance, Anandamela offers so much more. From delectable Indian cuisine that tantalizes the taste buds to captivating arts and crafts, educational games, contests, cooking demos, and hands-on activities for all ages, this festival promises an enriching, educational, and fun experience for the whole family.

On behalf of our community, I express heartfelt gratitude to all those involved in making Anandamela a resounding success year after year. Your dedication and passion for showcasing the wonders of Indian culture are truly commendable.

Let us revel in the spirit of Anandamela, embracing the diversity and beauty of India, and celebrating the unity that comes from understanding and appreciating each other's cultural backgrounds. I wish you all a joyful and memorable time at this grand festival, and may it continue to bring happiness and cultural enlightenment to our community for years to come.

Sincerely,

Manka Dhingra