

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: India is the largest free democratic country in the world, home of nearly a fifth of the world’s population, and with exceptional beauty and rich cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS: the Indian independence movement was led by patriots including Mahatma Gandhi, Rani Laxmi Bai, Deshbandhu Das, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhash Chandra Bose, Lala Lajpat Rai, Lokmanya Tilak, Bhagat Singh, Maulana Azad, Raja Gopalachari, and Sardar Patel. The most important used was resistance methods was nonviolent protest, which became a model of for civil rights movements around the world, including the movement led by Martin Luther King, Jr. in the United States; and

WHEREAS: on August 15, 1947, India regained independence from two hundred years of repressive British occupation with civil disobedience and nonviolent protest. That movement became a new weapon to fight against inequality and injustice in the world; and

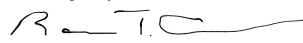
WHEREAS: the Constituent Assembly of India created a one of the most democratic constitution of its own, including inspirations from the American constitution; and

WHEREAS: India has the largest diaspora in the world, and over 36 million of Indian origin live in other countries, with over 4 million people of Indian origin living in the United States, over 100 thousand in Massachusetts, and hundreds in Carlisle, who contribute greatly to the social, economic, and civic health of our nation and our community; and

WHEREAS: India is a composite civilization – an ancient nation extraordinarily unique as a cultural mosaic of people embracing a prodigious diversity of ethnic groups, religions, languages, customs, traditions, clothing, gastronomy, climatic conditions, and natural resources, and yet presenting an underlying unity.

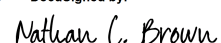
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Select Board of the Town of Carlisle does hereby proclaim August 15, 2021, to be INDIA DAY. The Select Board encourages all residents to join the Indian Community to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of India’s independence.

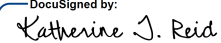
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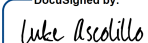
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August 3, 2021