

SENATE RESOLUTION
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By Senator Eide

WHEREAS, Washington derives much of its strength, beauty, and unique character from the wonderful mosaic of diverse people who live, work, and play in the state, including residents of Indian descent; and

WHEREAS, The more than 50,000 Indians in Washington state make positive contributions to our growth and development, achieving and sharing successes in business, technology, education, arts and sciences, and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, Indians take pride in their achievements, as well as their cherished customs, traditions, and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, August 15, 1947, marked India's independence from 100 years of British rule; under the principles of nonviolence led by Mahatma Gandhi; and

WHEREAS, The 60th anniversary of India's Independence Day will bring together people of all ages to share the rich diversity, traditions, and history of Indians in Washington state; and

WHEREAS, The India Association of Washington will celebrate its 25th anniversary of service to the East Indian community in 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Honorable Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, has proclaimed August 15, 2007, as India Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate join the governor in celebrating August 15, 2007, as India Day in the state of Washington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That due to the growing population of the East Indian Community in Washington state and the many contributions they make, the Senate should remember August 15th as India Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the President of the India Association of Western Washington.