

SENATE RESOLUTION

8664

By Senators Dhingra, Das, Takko, Lovelett, Billig, Hasegawa, Wilson, C., Hunt, Holy, Padden, Stanford, Kuderer, Liias, and Saldaña

1 WHEREAS, January 26, 2020, marked the 71st Republic Day in India,  
2 celebrating the adoption of the Constitution of the world's largest  
3 democracy; and

4 WHEREAS, India achieved independence from British rule through  
5 peaceful and nonviolent resistance; and

6 WHEREAS, India's Constitution asserts equality before law, and  
7 declares, "that the State shall not deny to any person equality  
8 before the law or the equal protection of the laws within the  
9 territory of India"; and

10 WHEREAS, India has a strong tradition of maintaining democratic  
11 ideals through robust checks on those in power; and

12 WHEREAS, The first prime minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru,  
13 wrote to caution himself and his own supporters, "We want no  
14 Caesars"; and

15 WHEREAS, Washington state has many cultural and economic ties to  
16 India, including more than 60,000 Indian Americans living in the  
17 state; and

18 WHEREAS, Indian Americans are small business owners,  
19 entrepreneurs, and CEOs of Washington companies, including the  
20 founding officers of many Seattle-based tech companies; and

21 WHEREAS, These businesses provide valuable services, resources,  
22 and jobs to the people of this state; and

1           WHEREAS, Indian Americans have been emigrating to the West  
2 Coast since the 19th century, working in our most vital  
3 industries including agriculture, logging, and trade; and

4           WHEREAS, Indian Americans reflect the values of inclusion  
5 and pluralism through their many cultural and religious  
6 identities, including Muslim, Sikh, and Hindu; and

7           WHEREAS, Indian Americans serve selflessly in our armed  
8 forces and in law enforcement, and contribute profoundly to the  
9 health care industry and Washington's institutions of higher  
10 education;

11          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
12 Senate honor Republic Day 2020 as a symbol of the shared values  
13 of democracy, diversity, and inclusion, between the nation of  
14 India and both the State of Washington and the United States of  
15 America.

16 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
17 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
18 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8664,  
19 adopted by the Senate  
20 January 27, 2020

21 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
22 Secretary of the Senate