

SENATE RESOLUTION

8604

By Senators Dhingra, Hasegawa, Pedersen, and Wagoner

1 WHEREAS, January 26, 2025, marked the 76th Republic Day in India,
2 commemorating the effective adoption of the Constitution of the
3 world's largest democracy; and

4 WHEREAS, India solidified their achievement of independence from
5 British rule through peaceful and nonviolent resistance; and

6 WHEREAS, India's Constitution requires equality under the law,
7 asserts equality before law, and declares that "the State shall not
8 deny to any person equality before the law or the equal protection of
9 the laws within the 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, Washington state has many cultural and economic ties to
13 India, including more than 100,000 Indian Americans living in the
14 state; and

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Indian Americans reflect the values of inclusion
2 and pluralism through their many cultural and religious
3 identities, including Muslim, Sikh, and Hindu; and

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

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate honor the
9 2025 Republic Day of India as a symbol of the shared values of
10 democracy, diversity, and inclusion, between the nation of India
11 and both the State of Washington and the United States of
12 America.

13 I, Sarah Bannister, Secretary of the Senate,
14 do hereby certify that this is a true and
15 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8604,
16 adopted by the Senate
17 January 27, 2025

18 SARAH BANNISTER
19 Secretary of the Senate