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Dear Dr. Muthukkumarasamy

## NAVARATRI FESTIVAL

The Gold Coast is home to a diverse and vibrant multicultural community, with almost one third of our residents born overseas.

Along with our growing and diverse multicultural community, our city hosts an increasing number of exciting multicultural events. I'm very pleased to see the Navaratri Festival become one of these events and contribute to building an inclusive Gold Coast.

The establishment of this event is very timely for the Gold Coast as we are home to a fast growing Indian born community, which increased by 1,520 people between 2006 and 2011, to a total of 2,669 people. Events such as the Navaratri Festival provide an opportunity for our residents from an Indian background to celebrate their culture and share it with the rest of the Gold Coast community.

I applaud the work done by the Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association to initiate this event and send my best wishes for its success.

I would also like to congratulate the Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association on its first year of operation and look forward to seeing the Association continue its work into the future.

Yours sincerely

**DONNA GATES**  
**ACTING MAYOR**