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Dear Dr Arunagiri

2015 NAVARATRI FESTIVAL

As Mayor of the City of Gold Coast, it is my great pleasure to support the Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA) and this year's Navaratri Festival - a time of high-spirited fun and enjoyment, filled with dance and music.

I am proud to say the Gold Coast is one of the most culturally diverse in the country – a fitting home for the GCHCA.

The Gold Coast is a vibrant and cosmopolitan city with one third of residents born overseas. In fact, I too was born overseas and consider myself extremely fortunate to call this city home, as my family and I love the Gold Coast lifestyle. With such a significant multicultural community, it is not surprising that one in ten Gold Coast residents speak a language other than English at home.

The City not only recognises this strong cultural diversity, but embraces the economic and social contributions cultural groups, like GCHCA, bring to the Gold Coast.

The GCHCA was formed in 2012 for the purpose of collectively representing the wider Hindu population on the Gold Coast and throughout South East Queensland. I also understand significant effort is currently underway to deliver a Hindu cultural precinct by the GCHCA.

I commend the GCHCA on its efforts to enhance the cultural engagement and spiritual experience of all Hindus in the community. To all those celebrating Navaratri, I trust this year's festivities bring the Hindu community together to celebrate and showcase some of the best performing artists.

Yours sincerely

TOM TATE
MAYOR