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MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

I send my best wishes to the Indian community on the Gold Coast as you come together to celebrate the Hindu festival of Navaratri.

This is the first major event to be organised by the Gold Coast Hindu Cultural Association (GCHCA), which formed last year, and I commend the association on its efforts.

Queensland is a culturally diverse state and is becoming more so year by year. A significant part of the Queensland culture derives from our long history of migration.

This year, to celebrate the contribution of our migrant communities, the Government hosted the inaugural Queensland Multicultural Week from 31 August to 8 September.

The statewide celebration brought together Queenslanders from all backgrounds in a shared acknowledgement of our heritage and traditions.

The Government recognises that every Queenslander has something to add to our State's rich social tapestry and all have a part to play in promoting and nurturing our multiculturalism.

Festivals like this one strengthen our multicultural ideals and enable us to share our religious and cultural traditions with other Queenslanders, creating a more harmonious society.

Congratulations to GCHCA on a very active first year, and my best wishes for an enjoyable time of worship, music and dance.



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