

# Proclamation

*Issued by the Mayor*

*WHEREAS, the Tamil community of the State of California has made a significant contribution to our city and state's diverse culture and population, including preserving and promoting the rich heritage of the Tamil language; and*

*WHEREAS, members of the State of California's Tamil community are dedicated to preserving Tamil culture, in part through language schools designed to educate young people and Tamil language for generations to come; and*

*WHEREAS, the Tamil language is widely spoken in India, Singapore, Sri Lanka, and many communities throughout our nation and world; this language is central to Tamil identity; and*

*WHEREAS, the Tamil language is recognized as one of oldest and longest-surviving written and spoken languages in the world, with a traceable history exceeding 2,600 years; and*

*WHEREAS, The Tamil Community of Rocklin is constantly contributing to the economic development of the City and has contributed significantly to bilingual literacy; and*

*WHEREAS, during January, members of the Tamil community celebrate Thai Pongal, a four-day harvest festival that coincides with the first day of the month Thai in the Tamil calendar; and*

*WHEREAS, Sacramento Tamil Mandrum welcomes and encourages all people across the City of Rocklin to participate in this celebration and experience their rich and inclusive heritage; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Rocklin is committed to encouraging and preserving native cultures and heritage within our incredibly diverse community.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Bill Halldin, Mayor of Rocklin, California, do hereby declare January 2022 as "Tamil Heritage Month".*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

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*Bill Halldin, Mayor*

*ATTEST:*

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*Hope Ithurnburn, City Clerk*