



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
— OFFICE OF GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE —

## *Greetings from the Governor*

*November 11, 2023*

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to everyone in attendance for today's *Diwali: Lights of India* festival, and to all of those in Washington celebrating Diwali. As part of the Seattle Center's Festál series, this event is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the rich culture of Washington's Indian community and enjoy the music and dance performances, martial arts demonstrations, art displays, and cooking.

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a major cultural celebration observed throughout India and around the world each fall. This celebration represents the triumph of good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. It is a time to gather with friends and family in reflection on the state of our world and the role we each play in creating a brighter future for it.

Diversity is one of Washington's greatest strengths, and I count it a privilege to have vibrant ethnic communities contributing to the social, artistic, and economic vitality of our state.

I especially want to thank Northwest Share and its president, Harry Terhanian, Festál, Seattle Center, Festival Director Latha Sambamurti, and all of the volunteers and artists who have worked to make this cultural celebration a reality. Please accept my best wishes for a enjoyable event. Happy Diwali!

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Jay Inslee  
Governor