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Greetings,

As we approach the joyous festival of Diwali, I wanted to extend my warmest greetings to you and your loved ones.

Diwali, often referred to as the Festival of Lights, holds profound significance as it symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, and good over evil. It is a celebration that transcends cultural and religious boundaries, uniting people in the spirit of joy and togetherness.

Thank you to Northwestshare in organizing Diwali Lights, as well as Seattle Center and 4culture for their invaluable support.

This celebration would not be possible without the dedication of numerous volunteers from Northwestshare and the Vedic Cultural Center. Their tireless efforts and enthusiasm have played a pivotal role in making this event a reality. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all the volunteers, as well as acknowledge the leadership of President Harry Terhanian and Director Latha Sambamurti for their exceptional contributions.

In addition, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the artists whose creativity and talent will undoubtedly add vibrancy and cultural richness to the Diwali celebrations. Your support for this cultural event strengthens the bonds of our community and fosters an environment of unity and understanding.

As we come together to celebrate Diwali with our family and friends, let us reflect on the values of compassion, harmony, and the spirit of giving. May the festival of lights illuminate our hearts and minds, fostering a sense of goodwill and understanding among all.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Diwali filled with happiness, prosperity, and the warmth of shared moments.

Sincerely,