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Dear Friends:

On behalf of the City of Pickering and its Members of Council, I am pleased to send greetings to the organizers, volunteers and guests of the Festival of India's Heritage.

The Festival of India's Heritage has become an annual tradition in Pickering. Each summer, I look forward to raising the Tiranga and celebrating India's Independence with many of our Indo-Canadian residents and friends. For the past five years, this dazzling and dynamic celebration of Indian food, music, dance and performances has brought a much welcomed vibrancy to our downtown.

Further, I commend Shashi Bhatia and the Indo-Canadian Cultural Association of Durham (ICCAD) for the outstanding contributions they make to our city. In addition to organizing this festival, ICCAD plays a strong leadership role through its volunteerism, environmental stewardship and support of many City programs and events

As one of Canada's most diverse cities, Pickering is the living embodiment of Canada's renowned cultural tapestry. I am very proud of our Indo-Canadian residents who help make Pickering one of the very best places to call home.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and best wishes for continued long life, happiness, and prosperity.

Yours truly

Dave Ryan  
Mayor, City of Pickering