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Welcoming Narendra Modi, The Prime Minister of the Republic of India, on the occasion of his historic Official State Visit to the United States.

WHEREAS, On June 20, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi landed in the United States for the first day of his historic Official State Visit. During his visit, Prime Minister Modi visited the United Nations Headquarters where he celebrated The International Day of Yoga on June 21st, and

WHEREAS, On June 22nd, Prime Minister Modi will be welcomed to the White House by the President Joe Biden where the two will engage in high level discussions about how the world's two largest democracies can work towards ensuring economic prosperity and most importantly global security. Also, on the 22nd, at the invitation of Congressional Leadership, Prime Minister Modi will address a joint session of the United States Congress. Finally, that evening, The Biden's will host a State Dinner in the Prime Minister's honor; and

WHEREAS, On June 23rd, Prime Minister Modi will be hosted by Vice President, Kamala Harris, and Secretary of State, Antony Blinken, at an Official Luncheon at the State Department, to celebrate the historic ties between the United States and the Republic of India; and

WHEREAS, The relationship between the United States and India was established in 1946 when the governments of the United States and India exchanged Ambassadors and upgraded their respective missions to Embassies. In 1947, President Harry S. Truman recognized the Union of India as an independent state; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 128,000 Indians live in the Philadelphia region. Indian-Americans have made immense contributions to our city and state. Their impact on the economy, health care, technology, education, and culture must be recognized; and

WHEREAS, Throughout their shared histories, The United States and India have developed deep ties. They are both members of the United Nations, the United Nations Security Council when India held a seat, The G-20, The Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Forum, The International Monetary Fund, The World Bank, and the World Trade Organization. The United States recognized India as a "Major Defense Ally," and in 2021, the U.S. and India reached a record of \$157 Billion in bilateral trade; and

WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Philadelphia recognizes the strategic importance of the relationship between the United States of America and the Republic of India. The Council additionally thanks Prime Minister Modi for embarking on this visit to the United States. Finally, it urges productive dialogue that will bring about success, security, and prosperity between our two nations, the Indo-Pacific Region, and the international community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby welcomes Narendra Modi, The Prime Minister of the Republic of India, on the occasion of his historic Official State Visit to the United States.