

SENATE RESOLUTION

8606

By Senators Dhingra, Das, Palumbo, Pedersen, Liias, Salomon, Cleveland, and Darneille

1 WHEREAS, January 26, 2019, marks the seventieth Republic Day in  
2 India, celebrating the adoption of the Constitution of the world's  
3 largest democracy; and

4 WHEREAS, India achieved independence from British rule through  
5 peaceful and nonviolent resistance; and

6 WHEREAS, The Indian Constitution asserts equality before law, and  
7 declares "that the State shall not deny to any person equality before  
8 the law or the equal protection of the laws within the territory of  
9 India"; and

10 WHEREAS, Washington state has many cultural and economic ties to  
11 India, including over sixty thousand Indian-Americans living in the  
12 state; and

13 WHEREAS, Indian-Americans are small business owners,  
14 entrepreneurs, and CEOs of Washington companies, including the  
15 founding officers of many Seattle-based tech companies; and

16 WHEREAS, These businesses provide useful services, resources, and  
17 jobs to the people of this state; and

18 WHEREAS, Indian-Americans have been emigrating to the West Coast  
19 since the nineteenth century, working in our most vital industries  
20 including agriculture, logging, and trade; and

21 WHEREAS, Indian-Americans serve selflessly in our armed forces  
22 and in law enforcement, as well as contribute profoundly to the

1 health care industry and Washington's institutions of higher  
2 education;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State  
4 Senate honor the 2019 Republic Day as a symbol of the shared  
5 values of democracy and liberty, between the nation of India and  
6 both the State of Washington and the United States of America.

7 I, Brad Hendrickson, Secretary of the Senate,  
8 do hereby certify that this is a true and  
9 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8606,  
10 adopted by the Senate  
11 January 25, 2019

12 BRAD HENDRICKSON  
13 Secretary of the Senate