



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

RAHM EMANUEL
MAYOR

August 15, 2016

Dear Friends:

As Mayor and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations as you celebrate the 70th Independence Day of India.

The independence of India was certainly a momentous day, one that was reached by the sacrifice of many. Today, we honor their sacrifice and celebrate the vibrant Indian culture and the Indian Community in our city. The Indian Community in Chicago is a powerful one that contributes productively to Chicago's economic, cultural, and civic life. We, in Chicago, are very proud of our Indian Community.

Chicago and India have always had a significant friendship, one that was emphasized in 2001, when Chicago and Delhi became Sister Cities. I am grateful for the economic and cultural exchange between our two global cities. I was honored to be a part of the celebration of Mahatma Gandhi last October with the Delhi Committee of Chicago Sister Cities for the second year in a row, and I look forward to future collaborations.

I would like to thank Consul General Dr. Ausaf Sayeed and Mrs. Farha Sayeed for hosting this event and for your constant dedication to serving the Indian Community in Chicago. I hope that you have a wonderful celebration of India's Independence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rahm Emanuel".

Mayor