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Title:	Recognition of India's 72nd anniversary of Republic Day and call for condemnation of violence against certain castes and faith groups
Sponsors:	Hadden, Maria E., Rodriguez Sanchez, Rossana, Ramirez-Rosa, Carlos, Martin, Matthew J., Osterman, Harry, Reilly, Brendan
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7/22/2020	1	Committee on Health and Environmental Protection	Remove Co-Sponsor(s)	
7/22/2020	1	City Council	Referred	

"CHICAGO RESOLUTION HONORING INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRACY"

A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE CITY OF CHICAGO AS A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE CITY,

EXPRESSING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SOLIDARITY WITH CHICAGO'S SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY REGARDLESS OF RELIGION AND CASTE,

HONORING INDIA'S 74TH INDEPENDENCE DAY,

AND URGING THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA TO CONDEMN VIOLENCE IN THE NAME OF ANY FAITH WHILE UPHOLDING THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND SECULAR PROVISIONS OF THE INDIAN CONSTITUTION

1. WHEREAS, recognizing that the City of Chicago is a sanctuary city, welcomes all regardless of their background; and

2. WHEREAS, the Chicago City Council expresses solidarity with Chicago's South Asian community

regardless of religion and caste; and

3. WHEREAS, India will celebrate its 74th Independence Day on August 15, 2020, is the world's largest democracy, and has long shared a unique and important relationship with the United States in promoting common democratic values and human rights; and

4. WHEREAS, India is the birthplace of four major world religions, including Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism, and Sikhism, is home to the world's second-largest Muslim population, and has historic Christian, Jewish, and Zoroastrian populations, with three of India's 29 states having a majority Christian population; and

5. WHEREAS, India's Constitution mandates a secular state that upholds the rights of all citizens to the freedoms of religion, expression, speech and to equal treatment before the law; and

6. WHEREAS, President Trump's bigoted policies within the U.S. including discriminating on religious grounds, targeting vulnerable communities, stripping citizenship, fabricating crises, and stoking hatred, have been mirrored by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, his Hindu extremist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government, and their alarming ideology that Hindus are racially and culturally superior to others; and

7. WHEREAS, across ihe country, there lias been a surge in the number of mob lynchings and violence towards minorities, mostly Muslims. Dalits and Christians, under Prime Minister Modi's leadership; and

8. WHEREAS, the Indian parliament under the leadership ofthe BJP government and Prime Minister Modi passed the inherently discriminatory Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), which actively creates an unconstitutional, religion-based criteria to grant citizenship to select immigrants - the first instance of religion being used as a criterion for Indian citizenship; the CAA has already been used to threaten deportation for India's 40,000 Rohingya refugees; and

9. WHEREAS, in August 2019, Prime Minister Modi's extremist government forced nearly 33 million people in the northeastern state of Assam to prove Indian citizenship or face detention at mass prisons and detention camps that the Indian government has begun to build and fill; and

10. WHEREAS, nearly two million people were left off the state's citizenship rolls and a nationwide expansion ofthis policy could strip hundreds of millions of people (disproportionately Muslim, oppressed castes, women, indigenous groups known collectively as Adivasi, and LGBTQ+ communities) of their citizenship rights creating stateless individuals with no option to be re-naturalized; and

11. WHEREAS, in April 2019, the Indian Home Minister, Amit Shah, compared undocumented individuals to "infiltrators" and "termites", vowed a BJP government would "throw them into the Bay of Bengal," and

called to expand the citizenship law used in Assam to other states in India; and

12. WHEREAS, reports indicate that police have attacked peaceful protestors at several prominent universities and destroyed Muslim homes in several cities. Peaceful protestors against these policies have faced violent repression including: police fatally firing live ammunition at demonstrators and arresting thousands. These are tactics the Modi government and Indian Army have used gratuitously in Kashmir while stripping its autonomy and prospects for self determination during an unprecedented-level of military occupation and communications blockade; and

13. WHEREAS, the government use of police to brutalize peaceful protestors violates fundamental democratic principles; and

14. WHEREAS, the Modi regime's repressive and prejudiced policies arc inconsistent with Chicago's values as a welcoming and inclusive city that embraces South Asian communities of all castes and religions; and

15. Whereas, the United States has a deep history of individuals protesting against hate, injustice, and government action;

16. Whereas, local, state, and federal government bodies in the United States have supported the right to peacefully protest against unjust policies;

17. WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that citizens of Chicago of all backgrounds have regularly peacefully protested in Chicago to condemn these developments in India; and

18. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council condemns President Trump's support for the repressive and discriminatory actions of Prime Minister Modi and his BJP government. It also condemns President Trump's refusal to denounce violence, those inciting violence, and those officials evading their duties to keep order and peace.

19. RESOLVED, the Chicago City Council rejects violence in the name ofany faith, condemns all supremacist thought, calls for an end of divisions along faith lines. It believes it is the duty of all people to oppose hatred, racism, and authoritarianism around the world and that the human rights record of the Indian government is of concern, not only to the millions of Muslims, oppressed castes, women, indigenous, and LGBTQ+ people in India, but also to Chicago's South Asian immigrant community.

20. RESOLVED, the City. Council go on record urging the Government-ofIndia to:
    a. Respect the human rights of all people and adhere to international human rights law,
    b. Condemn, at the highest levels, all religiously motivated violence, including violence which targets religious minorities,
    c. Prosecute anyone actively inciting violence, including violence against peaceful protestors and journalists,

    d. Uphold the Indian constitution by repealing the Citizenship Amendment Act, stopping the National Register of Citizens, and taking steps towards helping refugees by ratifying various UN treaties on refugees.

21. RESOLVED, That the City Council go on record urging our congressional delegation to support legislation censuring the Republic of India for adopting discriminatory policies such as the National Register of Citizens, the Citizenship Amendment Act, and military occupation and communications blockade of Kashmir; and be it further

22. RESOLVED, That the City Clerk he and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy to Chicago's Congressional Delegation on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Chicago City Council Co-Sponsor Form

R2020-583

Recognition extended to India on anniversary of 74th Independence Day and support for Democratic principles of Indian Constituition

Adding Co-Sponsor(s)

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2020 3:24 PM To: Nancy Simon <Nancy.Simon@cityofchicago.org
<mailto:Nancy.Simon@cityofchicago.org>> Subject: Re: Dowell sig
requested

Confirming Aid Dowell has asked to be removed from Hadden's Resolution .

From: Nancy Simon <Nancy.Simon@cityofchicago.org
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| Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 2:37 PM
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Renee:

Apologize for the initial confusion.

Attached please find the two resolutions I referenced:

1) Aid. Vasquez (40th Ward) 25th anniversary of Affinity Community Services -- don't have signature

2) Aid. Hadden (49th Ward) 74th anniversary of India's 74th anniversary of Independence --Aid. Dowell included but confirming she now longer wants to sponsor

Thanks very much for your assistance.

Nancy A. Simon, Proofreader

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