



## Washington State Senate

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Greetings,

Wishing you and your family a very happy Holi!

The Festival of Colors is celebrated as a way to welcome Spring, the triumph of good over evil, and to bring in a colorful and vibrant new future. It is one of my favorite holidays that marks a day for our community to gather with one another to celebrate, to laugh, and to rejoice. On occasions like this, I'm so glad to be reminded of what it means for me – the first Sikh woman to serve as a state legislator in our nation's history – to represent our community in Olympia. It means that our history and perspective are brought to the table.

Thank you to the Vedic Cultural Center of Sammamish, the City of Redmond, NorthWest Share, the Lodging Tax Tourism Development Fund, Latha Sambamurti, and all the incredible volunteers, community members, vendors, sponsors, and artists involved in celebrating our beautiful Indian culture and making Redmond feel like home.

The Festival of Colors provides an opportunity to extend our shared traditions with the whole community. The increasing growth of the Indian community on the Eastside has brought me tremendous joy and pride.

As we enter new beginnings in spring, I wish good health, peace, and prosperity to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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