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**Dear Friends:**

It gives me great pleasure to extend warm greetings to all the attendees of this year's Festival of Color, held at its traditional location in Marymoor Park. The Festival of Color, welcoming spring, is the largest Holi celebration in the Pacific Northwest, with more than 10,000 participants from throughout King County, and beyond. The Festival of Color is organized by Northwest Share in partnership with King County's Marymoor Park and Vedic Cultural Center of Sammamish, with support from the City of Redmond's Tourism Grant program and 4Culture.

The ancient festival of Holi is celebrated every year in India and has found a permanent home here in Pacific Northwest at the Festival of color. The Festival of Color is intended to free peoples' inhibitions so they can relate to others. It brings people together in joy. The highlight of the festival is leaping and dancing in a kaleidoscope of colors. In addition to the colors, participants will enjoy music, dance, contests, and delicious Indian food. Holi is a joyful event suitable for families and visitors of all ages.

This event helps King County residents to gain an understanding and admiration of Indian culture and helps to build cultural bridges. Thank you for promoting a united community by providing events like this one.

My best wishes for a successful Festival of Color!

Sincerely,

**Brian J. Carter**

Executive Director

