



A Day in Recognition of
THE INDIA CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC.
2025 Committee Inauguration and Handing Over Ceremony

February 22, 2025

WHEREAS, the County Legislature, acting on behalf of all of its citizens and residents, seeks to pay public tribute to all that have contributed to the betterment of the quality of life for all Rocklanders; and

WHEREAS, **The India Catholic Association of American, Inc. (ICAA)** was established in 1979 by members of the India Catholic community in the Tri-state area in order to fulfill its mission; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the **ICAA** is to convey the unique heritage and customs to future generations, to provide encouragement and support for the continued practices of the Indian Catholic family life, and to establish a forum for youths to maintain and revitalize the cultural heritage handed down by their forefathers. The ICAA also seeks to provide lay leadership to aid the spiritual and temporal growth of the community as envisioned by the Second Vatican Council; and

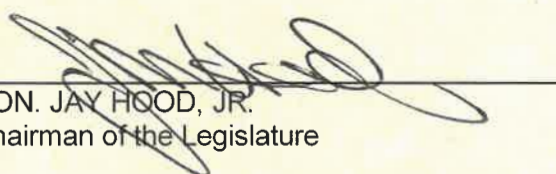
WHEREAS, the **ICAA** invests every effort to enrich the social and spiritual lives of its members through various activities and charitable work for people in both India and the USA. It provides opportunities for young people to develop leadership abilities, and to assist them with scholarships for continuing education. The ICAA also acts as a liaison between the Church hierarchies in both countries and the immigrant community; and


WHEREAS, today we join with Chief Guest Bishop Mar Joy Alappatt, co-celebrants Rev. Fr. Stephen Kanippillil, Hon. Dr. Aney Paul, as well as President of the Association Roy Antony, in celebrating the 2025 Committee Inauguration and Handing Over Ceremony of **The India Catholic Association of America**.

NOW, therefore, I, JAY HOOD, JR., Chairman of the Rockland County Legislature, on behalf of the entire Legislature, proclaim February 22, 2025, as **THE INDIA CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA DAY** in the County of Rockland.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have affixed the seal of the Rockland County Legislature this 22nd day of February 2025.


HON. JAY HOOD, JR.
Chairman of the Legislature


LAURENCE O. TOOLE
Clerk to the Legislature

INTRODUCED BY THE HONORABLE LEGISLATOR DR. ANEY PAUL