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## Press Release

### **Diwali Greetings from the Ethnic Relations Commission**

The Ethnic Relations Commission (ERC) extends warm commendations to all Guyanese, especially our Hindu brothers and sisters residing here and around the world as the auspicious occasion of Diwali is being observed.

Diwali, also known as Deepavali, the Festival of Lights, symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance. In Guyana, it is a period characterized by reflection, joy, and strengthening of bonds among family, friends, and communities.

The ERC recognizes the cultural and spiritual significance of this festival, which not only promotes unity among all Guyanese but also fosters understanding and appreciation of diverse cultural backgrounds that constitute our multi-ethnic society.

In the spirit of Diwali, the ERC urges everyone to reflect on the values of compassion, generosity, and tolerance, which are essential for building a peaceful and harmonious society. The Commission urges all Guyanese to light diyas, share sweets, and partake in cultural activities that showcase the vibrancy and richness of Diwali, a national holiday in Guyana.

The ERC is committed to promoting ethnic harmony and understanding, and firmly believes that Diwali advocates bridging cultural divides and fostering a sense of community. As we illuminate our homes and hearts during this festival, let us embrace the values of unity, tolerance, and respect for all.

Shubh Deepavali!

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