



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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### **Legislative Assembly of Alberta Hosts Second Annual Diwali Celebration**

EDMONTON – Diwali is one of the most celebrated festivals in South Asian culture. On October 15, 2014, the Legislative Assembly of Alberta will, for the second time, mark Diwali, an occasion that has come to be known world-wide as the festival of lights.

“We are fortunate to live in a diverse, culturally rich and inclusive society,” said the Honourable Gene Zwozdesky, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. “I am pleased to celebrate Diwali and the wonderful South Asian culture that thrives throughout our province and contributes greatly toward the wonderful mosaic that Alberta has become.”

**Speaker Zwozdesky will host a Diwali celebration outside on the front steps of the Legislature Building on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at 6:45 p.m.**

Remarks will be delivered by:

- Honourable Naresh Bhardwaj, MLA, on behalf of the Premier of Alberta
- Mr. Drew Barnes, MLA, on behalf of Her Majesty’s Loyal Opposition
- Dr. Raj Sherman, MLA, Leader of the Liberal Opposition
- Mr. David Eggen, MLA, on behalf of the New Democrat Opposition

The event will feature performances coordinated by the Indo Canadian Cultural Association (ICCA), which will include dances by students from South Asian Arts Movement (SAAM), the Jeevan Gopal Dance Academy (JGDA) and the IRA Academy for Dance and Music.

A reception will follow the event in the Legislature Building pedway.

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