

# PROCLAMATION

Presented by  
**Senator Tom Cullerton**  
*Celebrating the birth anniversary of Bhagawan Mahavi Swami with  
Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago*  
Presented this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018

**WHEREAS:** *The members of the Illinois Senate are pleased to honor the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago (JSMC) and celebrate the birth anniversary of Bhagawan Mahavir Swami; and*

**WHEREAS:** *Founded in 1970, JSMC has a membership of about 1,9000 families, the largest membership representation of the Jain Centers in North America; and*

**WHEREAS:** *In 1992, JSMC built the first significant Jain Temple in North America in Bartlett in order to provide a temple for religious services and a community center for social, cultural and educational needs of the Jain community; and*

**WHEREAS:** *The mission of JSMC is to offer a trustworthy and structured ground for projecting a common voice of all Jains, to promote principles of Jain religion, to provide Jain education to the community and to celebrate Jain social and cultural events in a manner that is compassionate, vibrant and dynamic to all; and*

**WHEREAS:** *JSMC is celebrating the birth anniversary of Bhagawan Mahavir Swami, the last of the 24 Tirthankars, who was born in 599 BC in a royal family; and*

**WHEREAS:** *After renunciation at the age of 30, Bhagawan Mahavir Swami undertook many severe austerities and reinforced them by living and teaching Jain values of non-violence, compassion, non-possessiveness, pluralism and supreme truth; and*

**WHEREAS:** *JSMC honors Bhagawan Mahavir Swami and His Jain teachings, which have been passed down from generation to generation; therefore be it*

**PROCLAIMED:** *BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we celebrate and honor the birth anniversary of Bhagawan Mahavir Swami with the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago; and be it further*

**PROCLAIMED:** *That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago as a symbol of our esteem and respect.*



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23<sup>rd</sup> Senate District

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