Proclamation

Presented by

Senator Tom Cullerton

Celebrating the birth anniversary of Bhagavan Mahavi Swami with

Jain Society of Metropolitan Chicago

Presented this 11th 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 Bhagavan 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 Bhagavan 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, Bhagavan 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 Bhagavan 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 Bhagavan 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.

Tom Cullerton
23rd Senate District