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Jersey City to Celebrate Indo-American Heritage With Parade & Festival and Flag Raising in Celebration of the 66th Anniversary of India's Independence

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the **Division of Cultural Affairs** proudly announce the **66th Anniversary Indo-American Parade and Festival** on **Saturday, August 11, 2012**. The parade will commence at **11:00 a.m.** at the **Indian Market** on **Newark Ave. and Kennedy Blvd.** and will end at **Leonard Gordon Park** (Manhattan Avenue and Kennedy Boulevard), with festival to follow.

“In celebrating the 66th anniversary of India’s independence, we are not only showcasing the rich heritage and pride of the Indian culture, but we are also paying tribute to the great leadership of Mahatma Gandhi whose philosophy of non-violence serves as a testament to the principles of fairness, dignity, peace and democracy,” said **Mayor Healy**.

Festival organizers promise a magnificent display of folklore, rich culture and tradition, as well as ethnic fare. The event is free and open to the public.

On **Thursday, August 16, 2012**, the City of Jersey City, the **Senior’s Govinda Army**, members of the **Govinda Sanskar Center**, and members of the Indian community will proudly display the flags of the United States and India high above **City Hall, 280 Grove Street, at 3:00 p.m.** in recognition of the cherished cultural and ethnic diversity of our community. It is also a reflection of Jersey City’s strong relationship with the local Indian community and in celebration of the 66th Anniversary of India’s Independence.

For more information about the **Indo-American Parade and Festival**, call the **Division of Cultural Affairs** at **(201) 547-6921**.

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