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Clayton County Commissioners Attend Indian Diwali Celebration

October 27, 2011, Jonesboro, GA - Clayton County Commissioner Wole Ralph and Commissioner Sonna Singleton visited the Ambaji USA Temple of Atlanta during its annual Diwali celebration on Thursday, October 27, 2011, at its headquarters location in Lake City, Georgia. The Commissioners took the opportunity to embrace one of the many cultures represented in Clayton County and to learn more about this significant Indian holiday. The Ambaji USA Temple provides food and offers seminars with free medical consultations to the community in Clayton County and surrounding areas.

Mr. Ajit Kumar, Consul General of India, and his delegation were recognized and introduced to the crowd of thousands. Mr. Kumar expressed his appreciation to all in attendance for honoring the traditions of Diwali. Mr. Kumar most recently served as Consul General of India in Frankfurt, Germany.

During the Cultural Program, Commissioner Singleton presented a proclamation to the Governors Board of the Amaji USA Temple, honoring October 24-28, 2011, as "Diwali – Festival of Lights" Week in Clayton County.

"Clayton County is rich with diversity and we are pleased to recognize and celebrate the cultural vibrancy of the county. I was proud to learn of the generous services that Amaji USA is providing to our community" said Commissioner Ralph. "Diwali is a wonderful opportunity for all Clayton County residents to learn about the importance of this traditional Indian holiday and evokes an inspirational message of knowledge, respect, and love. It serves as a great educational tool for our children. We thank Amaji USA for all they do to serve the community and on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, we wish everyone a Happy Diwali." said Commissioner Singleton.

Diwali, known as "the festival of lights," is one of the most significant holidays of the year in India and is observed as an official holiday in India and other areas of the world with large Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and Buddhist populations.

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