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The Indian Diaspora Council International (**IDC**) joins with other organizations and institutions in commemorating Memorial Day 2022 in the United States of America. We express sincere gratitude to all who served in the military services to defend the nation and made the ultimate sacrifice; as well as to medical, police, fire and essential front line workers who risk their lives to save others. We also salute all volunteers, advocates and supporters who provide materials, resources and services to those in need at crucial times of natural disasters and the consequences of violence.

While we commemorate Memorial Day 2022, we are immensely grieved by the increasing levels of violence nationwide, wanton killings of children in schools and in neighborhoods, attacks on others because of race, religion or ethnicity, and resorting to unprovoked attacks and violence to resolve disputes and conflicts.

“On Memorial Day, we remember the patriots who gave their lives in the service of America, in the service of freedom, and in the service of justice. They made the ultimate sacrifice to defend our Constitution and our democracy. We are free because they were brave, and we live by the light of the flame of liberty they kept burning. They are all heroes, and our Nation is forever grateful. As we honor the memories of our fallen heroes, we are grateful for the future they made possible for us and rededicate ourselves to seeking enduring peace. Our heroes gave their lives for our country, and they live forever in our hearts — forever proud, forever honorable, and forever American”. *US President Joseph Biden.*

Memorial Day is observed annually on the last Monday of May. It was formerly known as Decoration Day and commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. It started in 1868 as Decoration Day after the American Civil War and in 1968 the United States Congress declared Memorial Day as a national holiday.

With reverence, remembrance, reflection, respect and gratitude, we pay homage and tribute to all those in the US Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives defending the freedoms and safety we enjoy and so dearly cherish. We also express gratitude for the extra-ordinary contributions of those who served and are serving in the US Armed Forces, as well as all in various branches of civilian law enforcement, firefighting, aviation, transportation, medical, auxiliary services and community volunteer services.

We are grateful for the enormous sacrifices made to maintain and advance freedom and liberty which universally endear the USA as a beacon of hope, freedom and refuge for the persecuted and downtrodden. USA’s efforts in promoting freedom exemplify the indomitable human spirit to choose and make decisions for “the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness”, and has inspired nations and individuals to advance their own struggles for freedom and human rights.

Indian Diaspora Council International (**IDC**) conveys its best wishes to the government and people of the United States of America, and in close collaboration with other countries, for continuing vigilance and championing the cause of freedom and liberty throughout the world, while protecting its citizens at home.

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Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.