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MEMORIAL DAY 2025 IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



The Indian Diaspora Council International (**IDC**) joins with other organizations and institutions in commemorating Memorial Day 2025 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 2025, we are immensely grieved by the increasing levels of violence nationwide, wanton killings 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.

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 Civil War, and in 1968, the US Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday.

In a proclamation recognizing Memorial Day on May 26, 2025, **President Donald J. Trump** paid tribute to the nation's law enforcement personnel, stating: '**On Peace Officers Memorial Day and during Police Week, we honor our brave officers who serve on the front lines to protect our families, safeguard our communities, and shoulder a burden of responsibility that most Americans cannot fathom. This week and always, we honor the courageous men and women serving in law enforcement and memorialize those who sacrificed their lives defending the thin blue line.**' This statement underscores the administration's emphasis on valor, duty, and the enduring sacrifices made by law enforcement officers in the United States."



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 extraordinary 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 have inspired nations and individuals to advance their own struggles for freedom and human rights. We are hopeful that the USA will maintain its steadfast and vigilant role in the preservation of democracy and human rights globally.

The Indian Diaspora Council International (**IDC**) extends its heartfelt best wishes to the government and people of the United States of America. We commend their unwavering commitment to safeguarding freedom and liberty around the world, in close partnership with the global community, while ensuring the safety and well-being of their citizens at home, -*Dr. Nicole Bissessar, Director of Community Cultural Affairs, Indian Diaspora Council*

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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.