



VIVEK MALEK
MISSOURI STATE TREASURER

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of Missouri
Declaration

Whereas, for four decades, the Sangama Kannada Association of St. Louis has been a cornerstone for the Kannada-speaking community, fostering cultural preservation, unity, and enrichment through various events and initiatives; and

Whereas, the 40th Anniversary Celebration on April 19, 2025, showcased the vibrant traditions of Karnataka, featuring a morning procession with traditional instruments like Chande and Thamate, children waving the Karnataka flag, and women carrying ceremonial lamps, symbolizing the community's rich heritage; and

Whereas, the day's events included performances by talented youth and adults, such as the drama "Hitech Hayavadanachar," dances by Taynudi Kannada Shaale students, and a musical show by renowned artist Rajesh Krishnan, reflecting the community's dedication to arts and culture; and

Whereas, the Association honored its graduating students, acknowledging their achievements and encouraging the continuation of cultural traditions among the younger generation; and

Whereas, the event was made possible through the unwavering commitment of volunteers, organizers, and community leaders, including President Dr. Anil Cashikar and Vice President Vinod Shenoy, whose leadership has been instrumental in the Association's success; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that I, Vivek Malek, Treasurer of the State of Missouri, do hereby recognize and commend the Sangama Kannada Association of St. Louis on the occasion of its 40th Anniversary, celebrating its enduring contributions to cultural diversity, community engagement, and the enrichment of Missouri's cultural landscape.

Declared this 19th day of April, 2025

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