

State of Iowa
Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** The Sehgal Foundation, established in 1999, has dedicated itself to the mission of strengthening community-led development initiatives to achieve positive social, economic, and environmental change across rural India, allowing more people to lead the secure, prosperous, and dignified lives they deserve; and
- WHEREAS,** over the past 25 years, the Sehgal Foundation has made a significant impact, reaching over 4.63 million people in 2,500 villages across 61 districts in 12 states in India, addressing critical needs such as water management, agriculture development, local participation, sustainability, and social justice through innovative and sustainable programs; and
- WHEREAS,** the Sehgal Foundation's commitment to a holistic, community-centered approach has empowered rural communities by incorporating local participation, promoting gender equality, and fostering leadership, thereby aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and creating lasting positive change; and
- WHEREAS,** the Foundation's work is supported by a dedicated research team that ensures informed and impactful actions through participatory research, impact assessments, and continuous improvement, further solidifying the Foundation's reputation for excellence, integrity, professionalism, optimism, and respect; and
- WHEREAS,** the Founders, Dr. Surinder Mohan Sehgal and Edda Sehgal, through their shared vision of giving back, have inspired and driven the Foundation's efforts, resulting in numerous awards and recognitions over the past quarter century, and their legacy continues to grow through impactful partnerships and projects both in India and Iowa; and
- WHEREAS,** Rajat Jay Sehgal, a dedicated leader and visionary, has played a crucial role in advancing the mission of the Sehgal Foundation, contributing his passion, expertise, and leadership to further the Foundation's impact and ensure the continued success and growth of its initiatives; and
- WHEREAS,** in celebration of its 25th anniversary, the Sehgal Foundation reflects on its achievements and renews its commitment to empowering rural communities, with ongoing initiatives in water management, agriculture, education, community outreach, and rural research that continue to make a profound difference in the lives of millions; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim October 11, 2024, as:

A day of celebration commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the Sehgal Foundation



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT DES MOINES THIS 11 DAY OF SEPTEMBER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR.

Kim Reynolds
KIM REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST:

Paul Pate
PAUL PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE