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Please direct any questions to jay@pmvisit.org, or call (512) 909-7250.

August 27, 2014

The Honorable Nikki Haley
Governor of South Carolina
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

(sent via fax to 803-734-5167)

ATTN: Ted Pitts - Chief of Staff
Nicole Priester - Scheduler

Dear Governor Haley,

India, the largest democracy in the world, elected Mr. Narendra Modi as its new Prime Minister on May 26, 2014. An impressive 65% of India's 830 million eligible voters participated in this massive electoral exercise. Prime Minister Modi's inaugural visit to the United States is confirmed. The Indian American Community Foundation (IACF - www.PMVisit.org) is pleased to **invite you to meet Prime Minister Modi on September 28, 2014 at New York City's Madison Square Garden** recognizing your own commitment to furthering a strong friendship between two great democracies.

Mr. Modi's inaugural U.S. visit will be very brief, but he will attend a community reception organized by the IACF, in partnership with hundreds of Indian American community organizations from across the United States. The reception program will host some 18,000 Indian Americans, including prominent political, business, and community leaders from across the U.S. The event has already garnered wide media interest.

IACF cordially invites you to join a global audience in New York City, and at the event IACF will ensure that you:

1. Are introduced with other distinguished Americans to the entire audience of 18,000 guests
2. Are seated in reserved, first row seating during Mr. Modi's speech
3. Will meet Prime Minister Modi in a reserved area within Madison Square Garden immediately after the speech (*the Embassy of India is arranging this meeting and will contact you independently*).

Since the Prime Minister spoke with President Barack Obama shortly after his victory, both leaders have pledged to renew a strong bilateral relationship based on shared democratic values. On August 1st of this year, India and the U.S. have continued discussions on a broad range of issues in the Strategic Dialogue chaired by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and India's External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj in New Delhi. Mr. Modi's visit is due to strengthen this burgeoning dialogue focused on expanding cooperation in economic opportunity, energy security, homeland security, space exploration, education, and vocational training directly with Mr. Obama at the White House on September 30, 2014.

At IACF, we sincerely hope that you will take time out of your very busy schedule to meet India's Prime Minister in New York City. The event begins at **11:00 am** and will start with a short cultural program. We request that you arrive no later than 11:00 am to be escorted to your first row seating. The Prime Minister will arrive thereafter to greet all members of the U.S. Congress and Governors in attendance and then address the audience. Specific logistical details will follow shortly after your participation is confirmed.

Please RSVP to outreach@PMVisit.org at your earliest convenience. The Embassy of India has requested viprsvp@indiagov.org also be copied in your confirmation of participation in IACF's program. The Embassy will make the appropriate arrangements for their sponsored meeting at Madison Square Garden with Prime Minister Modi. For any further questions regarding IACF's event, please email jay@PMVisit.org.

Your presence will not only be appreciated by nearly three million Indian Americans, but will serve as a powerful symbol of U.S. - Indian cooperation, and a testament to your own personal commitment to this important bilateral relationship in challenging times.

Sincerely,
The IACF Team