

# State of New Jersey



STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

## ASSEMBLY COMMENDATION By Assemblyman UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA

**WHEREAS**, Assemblyman Upendra J. Chivukula, as the duly elected representative of the 17th Legislative District, is pleased to honor and congratulate

**Vasudev N. Makhija, MD, DLFAPA**

South Asian Mental Health Initiative (SAMHN)

**WHEREAS**, SAMHN works to educate, engage, and empower the South Asian community to promote mental health literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, SAMHN serves as a resource to provide consultation to health care policy makers and healthcare delivery facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, SAMHN increases collaboration between existing mental health organizations that address specific aspects of mental illness, increase awareness of the existence and roles of these organizations, and decrease fragmentation in services provided to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, SAMHN promotes and conduct research on mental health to serve the South Asian community in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, SAMHN develops a searchable database of South Asian mental health care providers, social services, and mental health resources to improve access to mental health care; and

**WHEREAS**, SAMHN overcomes stigma of mental illness and explore ways of making affordable treatment services available; now, therefore,

*Be It Known To All That The Undersigned Hereby Honors:*

**Vasudev N. Makhija and SAMHN**

for your service and dedication to the South Asian Community.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Upendra J. Chivukula".

UPENDRA J. CHIVUKULA  
Member of the General Assembly