

PROCLAMATION

OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOLSOM PROCLAIMING

SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH in the City of Folsom

WHEREAS, Sikhs first arrived in the United States more than 125 years ago; and Sikhs worked in many capacities, including on farms, in lumber mills and for the Western Pacific and Pacific Eastern Railroads on the Pacific Coast, and on the Panama Canal;

WHEREAS, Sikhs are the fifth largest religious group by number with more than 25 million around the world; an estimated 500,000 Americans are of Sikh origin and more than a third of the nation's Sikh population resides in California; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions and walks of life, making rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces; they have made and continue to make significant contributions to our great nation in public service, in agriculture, medicine, trucking, science and technology, and distinguish themselves by fostering great respect among people through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, the month of November is significant for the Sikh celebrations of Diwali, the birthday of the first Guru and founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak, in 1469 and installation of the Sikh Scriptures as the final and eternal Guru in 1708; and

WHEREAS, the City of Folsom seeks to further the diversity of its community and afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael D. Kozlowski, Mayor of the City of Folsom, on behalf of the Folsom City Council, do hereby proclaim November 2021, as **Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month**.

PROCLAIMED this 14th day of December 2021.

Michael D. Kozlowski, MAYOR

Attest:

Christa Freemantle, CITY CLERK

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