



SIKH AMERICAN AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Kerman, the State of California and our Nation are blessed and enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents; and

WHEREAS, among this unprecedented diversity in California resides an estimated 250,000 Americans of Sikh origin, comprising nearly 40 percent of the nation's estimated Sikh population; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans have distinguished themselves in numerous areas of endeavor, demonstrating particular success in the areas of agriculture, medicine, real estate, science, trucking, and in the creation of successful, family-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh and Punjabi American communities of California continue to make important contributions to our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans throughout California celebrate the coronation day of Sikh Scripture as Guru Gaddi Divas, along with parades in cities across California, including the second largest in Selma, California; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh Council of Central California, represents a dozen main Sikh Temples in the Fresno County area, including Kerman, and actively takes part in sharing the tenets of their faith and the important role that Sikh Americans play in furthering mutual understanding and respect among all peoples; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Concurrent Resolution 97, created "Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month" to afford all Californians the opportunity to understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared principles of Sikh Americans;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Kerman City Council does hereby recognize November as "Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month" and encourages all residents within Kerman, Fresno County and the State of California to celebrate and participate in activities that honor our Sikh community.

I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Kerman to be affixed on this 13th day of November 2024.

Maria Pacheco
Mayor