

City of Santa Clara

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans have been living in the United States for more than 100 years, and during the early 20th century, thousands of Sikh Americans worked in farming, lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad; and

WHEREAS, today, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and there are more than 23 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 250,000 Americans of Sikh origin, comprising nearly 40 percent of the nation's estimated Sikh population, residing in California alone; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of United States, in services such as the United States Armed Forces, agriculture, transportation, medicine, engineering, technology, science, education, energy, and small businesses; and have distinguished themselves by fostering greater respect and understanding among all people through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara 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, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim November 2016, as

SIKH AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Santa Clara and do hereby recognize the rich history, cultural diversity, and significant contributions made by Sikh Americans to the city and in our community.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 14th day of September, 2016.



LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara