PROCLAMATION

California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month

November

WHEREAS, California and our nation are at once blessed and enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents; and

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

WHEREAS, Sikh immigrants have resided in California for more than a century, with the first Sikh immigrants having labored on railroad construction projects, in lumber mills, and in the agricultural heartlands of the Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Imperial valleys; and

WHEREAS, the first Sikh temple (Gurdwara) in California was established in Stockton in 1912, and Sikh temples have since been established in communities throughout California, especially in the central valley, with more than a dozen in Fresno alone; and

WHEREAS, while Sikh Americans have distinguished themselves in numerous areas of endeavor, they have demonstrated particular success in the areas of agriculture, trucking, medicine, and in the creation of small, family-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans have served as mayors of California cities and numerous Sikh Americans have served as council members of California cities; and

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

WHEREAS, resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate thereof concurring, that the Legislature hereby designates the month of November to be California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education hereby recognizes November as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of October, 2022.

AYES: 5 MEMBERS: Williams, Sweet, Little, Lym, Dailey

NOES: 0 MEMBERS: _____

ABSENT: 0 MEMBERS: _____

Jennifer Williams (Oct 28, 2022 16:33 PDT)

Jennifer Williams, President
Board of Education
Alameda Unified School District
Alameda County, State of California

ATTEST:

By: Pasquale Scuderi (Nov 4, 2022 11:30 PDT)

Pasquale Scuderi, Secretary
Board of Education
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