

By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, Sikh Americans contribute greatly to Connecticut's culture and economy and there are as many as five Gurdwara (Sikh temples) in Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, Connecticut is a state of great ethnic diversity and multiculturalism which has contributed significantly to our growth and progress; and

*W*HEREAS, ignorance, a lack of understanding, and a lack of dialogue exist in this country and the Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission of Connecticut's mission is to increase awareness of these issues; and

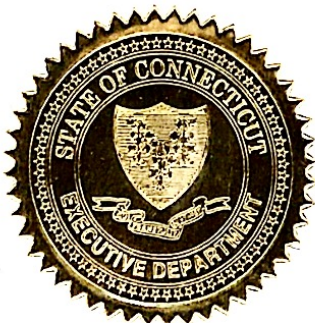
*W*HEREAS, we embrace the growing diversity of our community while addressing the challenges of hate crimes, bullying, and discrimination against Asian Pacific, Middle Eastern, Muslim, Arab, and LGBTQ individuals; and

*W*HEREAS, according to the 2010 FBI statistics, of the 6,624 single-bias hate crime incidents in this country, 47 percent of hate crimes were motivated by a racial bias, 20 percent were motivated by a religious bias, 19 percent were motivated by a sexual-orientation bias, almost 13 percent were motivated by an ethnicity/national origin bias, and 0.6 percent were motivated by disability bias; and

*W*HEREAS, education and awareness are essential tools in the fight for a more just, prosperous, and united community, and intolerance of others must never be accepted in a civilized society; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim August 28, 2012 as

SIKH SOLIDARITY DAY
in the State of Connecticut




GOVERNOR

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Massachusetts Sikh Community

ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, I AM PLEASED TO CONFER UPON THE SIKH COMMUNITY THIS GOVERNOR'S CITATION IN RECOGNITION OF THE 550TH BIRTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST TEN GURUS AND FOUNDER OF SIKHISM, GURU NANAK. THE COMMONWEALTH ACKNOWLEDGES THE RICH CONTRIBUTIONS THAT SIKH AMERICANS HAVE RENDERED TO THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC VIBRANCY OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE AREAS OF AGRICULTURE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, SMALL BUSINESSES, THE HOTEL INDUSTRY, TRUCKING, MEDICINE, THE MILITARY, THE ARTS, EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY. MOREOVER, THE COMMONWEALTH COMMENDS THE ONGOING EFFORTS OF THE SIKH COMMUNITY TO FOSTER RESPECT AMONG ALL PEOPLE THROUGH FAITH AND SERVICE.

THIS FOURTEENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR 2019

Handwritten signature of Charles D. Baker in blue ink.

CHARLES D. BAKER
Governor

Handwritten signature of Karyn E. Polito in blue ink.

KARYN E. POLITO
Lieutenant Governor



Sikhs of Connecticut celebrating Gurpurab of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji at White House

20TH NOVEMBER 2014 BY SIKH CHANNEL IN SIKH CHANNEL



White House, Washington DC, USA: Nov 13,2014

Press Release – The White House recently celebrated the 545th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji by inviting members of the



