

Proclamation



Whereas, Sikhism is 5th Largest Independent Ethnic Religion founded by Guru Nanak in 1469. Sikhism currently has more than 50 million followers worldwide, known as Sikhs; and,

Whereas, Sikhs are from the Punjab region of South Asia, and have been living in America for more than 125 years. They can be found in different professions, and serving our country in law enforcement and the United States military; and,

Whereas, the Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) represents all Sikh places of worship (Gurdwaras) and other Sikh institutions symbolizing Sikh values; and,

Whereas, the Sikh Flag is traced to the year 1606, the time of Guru Hargobind (Sixth Guru), who hoisted a Nishan Sahib over the Akal Takhat (or Akal Bunga) at Amritsar, Punjab, India, representing its Sikh values – *One God, equality of all humans, love and respect of all, life of service and dedication*; and,

Whereas, hoisting Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) has historical and symbolic significance which recognizes that Sikhs are against any kind of tyranny and injustice, which gives a global message of courage to raise a voice against any oppression and despotism; and,

Whereas, on March 11, 1783, the Sikh Army under the leadership of Sikh General Baghel Singh, along with Jassa Singh Ahluwalia and Jassa Singh Ramgarhia, conquered the Red Fort, New Delhi, and hoisted Nishan Sahib on that day. March 11, 2021, marks the 238th anniversary of Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) Day; and,

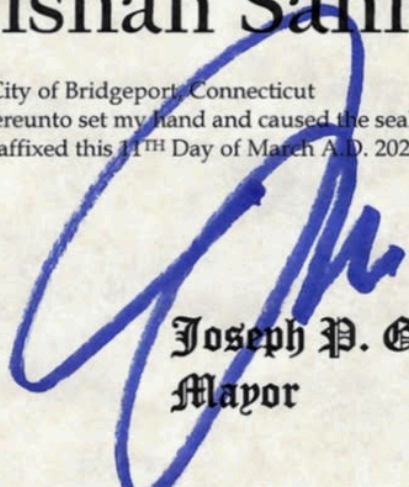
Whereas, Freedom of Religion, Speech and Expression is embedded in the United States Constitution, and we stand in solidarity with Sikh Americans efforts to bring a light to historical events of Sikh history.

Now Therefore, I, Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor of the City of Bridgeport, Connecticut, stand in solidarity with the Sikh Community and do hereby proclaim, March 11, 2021 as

“Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) Day”

In the Great City of Bridgeport, Connecticut
In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the
City of Bridgeport to be affixed this 11th Day of March A.D. 2021.




Joseph P. Ganim
Mayor

Proclamation

SIKHS FLAG (NISHAN SAHIB) DAY

March 11, 2021

- WHEREAS,** Sikhism is 5th Largest Independent Ethnic Religion Founded by Guru Nanak in 1469 and now have more than 50 Million Followers World Wide known as Sikhs; and
- WHEREAS,** Sikhs are from Punjab Region of South Asia and are living in America for more than 125 years; they can be found in different professions and serving our country in law enforcement and US Military; and
- WHEREAS,** Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) marks all Sikh places of worship (Gurdwaras) and other Sikh institutions representing the Sikh values; and
- WHEREAS,** The origin of the Nishan Sahib – Sikh Flag is traced to Year 1606, the time of Guru Hargobind, (Sixth Guru) who hoisted a Nishan Sahib over the Akal Takhat (or Akal Bunga) at Amritsar, Punjab, India representing the Sikh Values - One God, equality of all humans, love & respect of all, life of service & dedication; and
- WHEREAS,** Hoisting Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) has Historical and symbolic significant that the Sikhs are against any kind of tyranny and injustice gives global message of courage to raise voice against any oppression and despotism; and
- WHEREAS,** On March 11, 1783, Sikh Army under leadership of Sikh General Baghel Singh along with Jassa Singh Ahluwalia and Jassa Singh Ramgarhia conquered the Red Fort, New Delhi and hoisted Nishan Sahib on that day. March 11, 2021 Marks 238th year anniversary; and
- WHEREAS,** Freedom of Religion, Speech and Expression is embedded in United States Constitution and we stand in solidarity with Sikh Americans efforts to bring in light the Historical events of Sikh History.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY W. RILLING, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT do hereby stand in solidarity with Sikhs and recognize March 11, 2021 as:

SIKHS FLAG (NISHAN SAHIB) DAY



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Norwalk, Connecticut to be affixed on this 11th day of March, 2021.

Harry W. Rilling

Harry W. Rilling, **MAYOR**
City of Norwalk, Connecticut



City Of Norwich

Mayors Office

Peter Albert Nystrom, Mayor

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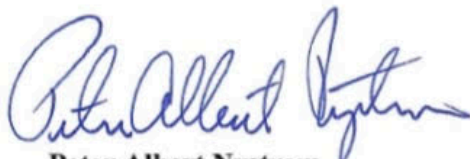
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WHEREAS, Freedom of Religion, Speech and Expression is embedded in United States Constitution and we stand in solidarity with Sikh Americans efforts to bring to the light the Historical events of Sikh History.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR PETER ALBERT NYSTROM AND NORWICH CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM, MARK BETTENCOURT, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, do hereby proudly acknowledge March 11, 2021 as “Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) Day”

Dated this Fourteenth day of March, 2021


Peter Albert Nystrom
Mayor




Mark Bettencourt
President Pro Tem

PROCLAMATION
Town of Hamden
Office of the Mayor
Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) Day
MARCH 11th, 2021

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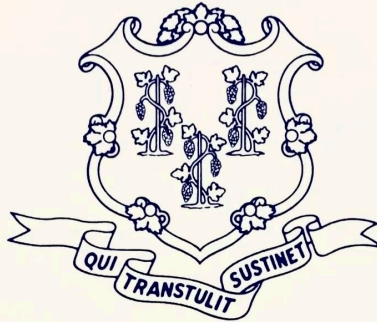
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, Curt Balzano Leng, Mayor of The Town of Hamden, stand in solidarity with Sikh Americans efforts to bring in light the Historical events of Sikh History; and now, therefore, be it resolved that Town of Hamden stand in solidarity with Sikhs and recognize as: **March 11, 2021 as “Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) Day”**



Curt Balzano Leng, Mayor

State of Connecticut



General Assembly Official Citation

Introduced by
Sen. Catherine A. Osten, 19th Dist. Sen. Bob Duff, 25th Dist.
Sen. Saud Anwar, 3rd Dist. Rep. Kevin Ryan, 139th Dist.
Rep. Emmett D. Riley, 46th Dist. Rep. Geraldo C. Reyes, Jr., 75th Dist.

Be it hereby known to all that:
The Connecticut General Assembly
offers its sincerest congratulations to:

Sikh Community of Connecticut

In recognition of

the observance of March 11th as "Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) Day".

This year marks the Sikh Flag's 238th year anniversary. In 1783, the Sikh Army under the leadership of General Baghel Singh conquered the Red Fort, New Delhi and hoisted the Nishan Sahib. Hoisting the Sikh Flag has symbolic significance, which demonstrates that the Sikh community are against any kind of injustice or oppression anywhere in the world.

The entire membership extends its
very best wishes on this memorable occasion
and expresses the hope for continued success.

Given this 14th day of March 2021
at the State Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut

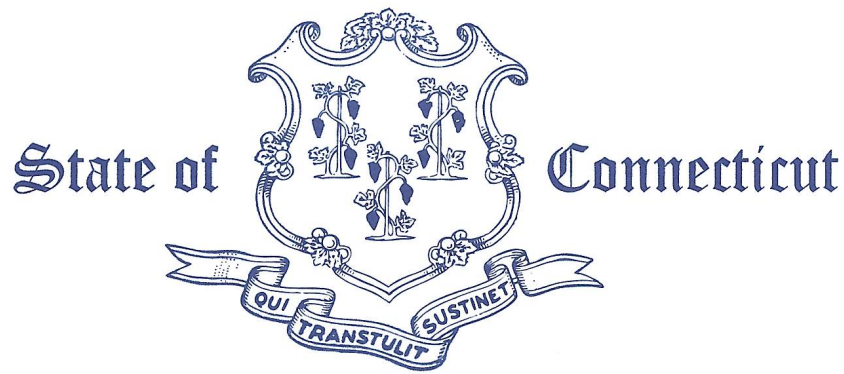
by

Michael M. Zoney
President Pro Tempore

Matt Ritter
Speaker of the House

Dennis W. Merrill
Secretary of the State





By Her Excellency Susan Bysiewicz, Lieutenant Governor

Official Statement

I take great pleasure in offering my sincerest congratulations to

Sikh Community of Connecticut

for Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) Day and Sikh New Year. More than 50 million people worldwide follow Sikhism and Sikhs have lived in America for more than 125 years. The Sikh Flag is symbolic of Sikh voices that are against oppression and despotism globally. We stand with Sikh Americans as they work to bring to light the Sikh History.

Thank you for your service to your community and the State of Connecticut.



Signed this 14th Day of March, 2021

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Susan Bysiewicz", is written over a horizontal line.

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March 14, 2021

Dear Friends:

I would like to extend my best wishes to everyone in the Sikh Community of Connecticut as you celebrate the 553rd Sikh New Year. For centuries, Sikhs have celebrated their religion's founding by Guru Nanak both in the Punjab and around the world. I also want to mention last week's Sikh Flag Day, and honor the 238th Anniversary of that special holiday.

I commend the Hamden Gurudwara for their continued efforts to recognize those who have made a tremendous difference and for their commitment to supporting critical resources that will strengthen the vibrant Sikh community for generations to come, especially during these difficult times. Connecticut has a long and rich cultural history. The tapestry we weave as a state and a nation is made more vibrant by the contributions from members of the Sikh American community.

Hamden is fortunate to have the Hamden Gurudwara serving as an historic beacon of hope in the community. Your graceful, enduring presence brings tremendous pride to the State of Connecticut. I wish you all the best in the future, and I look forward to working hand-in-hand with you for years to come.

Every best wish,



Christopher S. Murphy
United States Senator

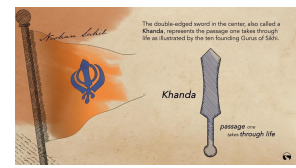
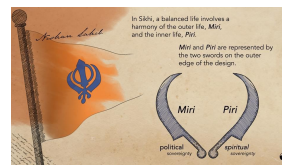
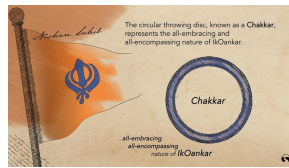
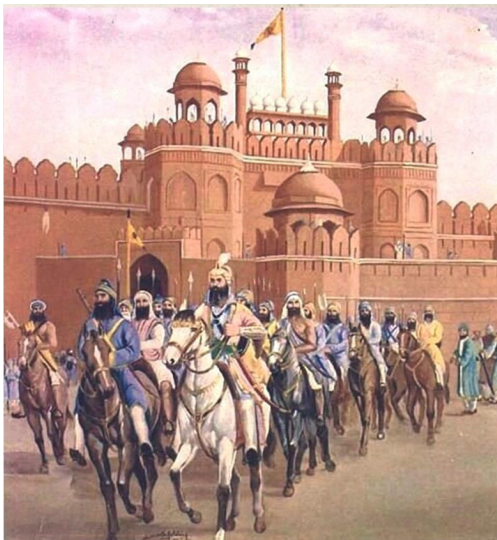


SIKH FLAG “NISHAN SAHIB” DAY

MARCH 11TH 1783



RECOGNIZED IN CONNECTICUT AS
“SIKH FLAG (NISHAN SAHIB) DAY”
TO CELEBRATE SIKHS VICTORY ON DELHI
WHEN SIKH FLAG WAS HOISTED ON
RED FORT BY SIKH ARMY.



SIKHS OF CONNECTICUT

SUPPORTED BY : WORLD SIKH PARLIAMENT

Click here for link:

<https://youtu.be/6GQrQqXc7Vg>



**BEST WISHES TO
SIKH COMMUNITY OF CT**

**“SUSAN BYSIEWICZ”
LT. GOVERNOR
STATE OF CONNECTICUT (U.S.A)**

**SIKH FLAG “NISHAN SAHIB” DAY
MARCH 11TH 1783 - 238TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

**SIKH NEW YEAR DAY
MARCH 14TH 1469 - 553RD YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

