



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, founded by Guru Nanak in 1469, Sikhism is the 5th largest independent ethnic religion, with over 50 million followers, known as "Sikhs"; and

WHEREAS, originally from the Punjab Region of South Asia, Sikhs have been living in the United States for over 125 years, and have made many valuable contributions to the culture and economy of the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut, with over five Gurdwara (Sikh temples) in our state, is proud to celebrate the accomplishments and rich cultural heritage of our Sikh community members; and

WHEREAS, March 14th is the start of the month of "Chet", the first in the "Mool Nanakshahi Sikh Calendar"; and

WHEREAS, March 14th, 2020 will mark the 552nd new year for the Sikh community, according to Sikh calendar that started with the birth of Guru Nanak who taught and embodied the principles of equality, love, and social justice; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim March 14, 2020 as the start of the

SIKH NEW YEAR

and wish all Sikhs throughout Connecticut
a happy and healthy new year.



Ned Lamont

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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



CONGRESSMAN JOE COURTNEY
2ND DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

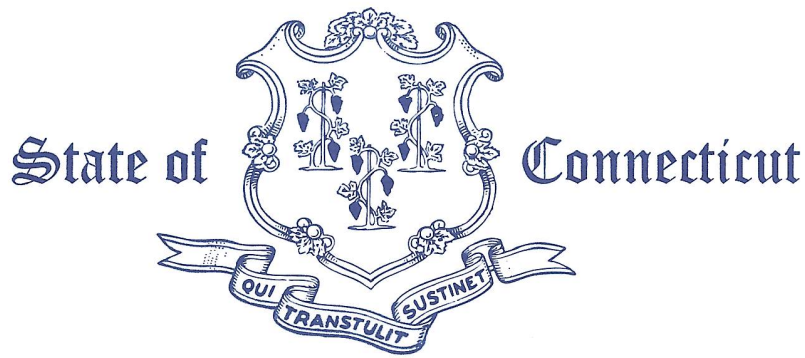
Proudly Recognizes
SIKH NEW YEAR

On March 14, 2021

WE HAPPILY JOIN YOU IN CELEBRATING THE 553RD SIKH NEW YEAR. MARCH 14TH MARKS CHET 1ST (FIRST MONTH OF MOOL NANAKSHAI- THE SIKH CALENDAR THAT STARTS WITH MARCH 14TH 1469) I WISH THE SIKH COMMUNITY A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR AHEAD.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Courtney".

CONGRESSMAN JOE COURTNEY



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 that reads "Susan Bysiewicz".

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



PRIME MINISTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

NANAKSHAHI NEW YEAR 548

I send my warmest wishes to everyone celebrating Nanakshahi New Year.

Marked by Sikhs across the world, this is a time to celebrate your distinct cultural identity and to reflect on the history and achievements of the community.

From the arrival of the first Sikhs in the 1800s to today, your adherence to ideals of equality, optimism and hard work have inspired your successes and enriched our nation.

The freedom to express ourselves and to embrace diversity is what makes Australia one of the most successful multicultural societies in the world.

Our nation is like a magnificent tapestry and every one of our community groups and our cultural traditions, woven into that, is an indelible part of who we are.

At the core of our success are the values that we share: hope, respect and a deep belief that everyone should have the freedom to express who they are.

As you bid farewell to the old year and welcome in the new, I trust Australia's Sikh community will be inspired and affirmed in your sense of faith and identity.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Malcolm Turnbull".

The Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP
Prime Minister of Australia

29 February 2016





HAPPY SIKH NEW YEAR MARCH 14TH

First Day of the Chet Month of Nanakshahi Sikh Calender



WORLD SIKH PARLIAMENT





