



City Of Norwich

Mayors Office

Peter Albert Nystrom, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, November 2020 marked the 36th year anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November 1984; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs were beaten with iron rods; doused with kerosene; and set on fire; and Sikh women, many of whom lost their husbands, sons, and fathers during the pogroms, were gang raped and sexually assaulted by the attackers and Sikh homes, businesses, and houses of worship (Gurdwaras) were looted, damaged, and destroyed during the pogroms resulted in the intentional destruction of many Sikh families; and

WHEREAS, Eyewitnesses, journalists, and human rights activists have compiled evidence showing that government and law enforcement officials organized, participated in, and failed to intervene to prevent the killings through direct and indirect means ; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations throughout the world, recognizing the need for justice, continue to demand prosecution of those responsible for the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms; and

WHEREAS, We must remember those who lost their lives during the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms and massacre and recognize this as "Sikh Genocide 1984".

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 call on the residents of the City of Norwich to remember all who were lost and to work diligently to prevent such a massacre in the future.

Dated this Fifth Day of November, 2020

**Peter Albert Nystrom
Mayor**



**Mark Bettencourt
President Pro Tem**



City Of Norwich

Mayors Office

Peter Albert Nystrom, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Sikhism is 5th Largest Independent Ethnic Religion, was founded by Guru Nanak in 1469 and have more than 50 Million Followers World Wide known as Sikhs and they are from Punjab Region of South Asia and live in America and can be found in different professions, also serving our country in US Military; and

WHEREAS, November 2019 This Year Mark 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak who spread the message of equality, love and social justice; and

WHEREAS, November 2019 marks the 35th anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November 1984; and

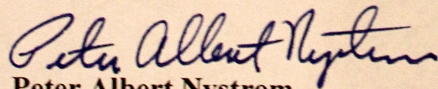
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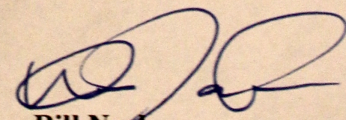
WHEREAS, Freedom of Religion, Speech and Expression are embedded in United States Constitution and we stand in solidarity with Sikh Americans efforts to bring to light the events that happened in November 1984.

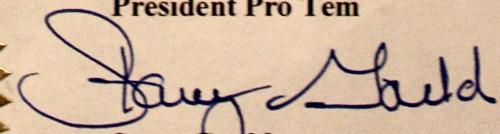
NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR PETER ALBERT NYSTROM AND NORWICH CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM, BILL NASH, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, do hereby declare November 1, 2019 as Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day to honor and remember the innocent who lost their lives during the November 1984 Sikh Genocide.

Dated this Ninth Day of November, 2019


Peter Albert Nystrom
Mayor




Bill Nash
President Pro Tem


Stacy Gould
Alderman



City Of Norwich

Mayors Office

Peter Albert Nystrom, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, November 2016 marked the 32nd year anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November 1984; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs were beaten with iron rods; doused with kerosene; and set on fire; and Sikh women, many of whom lost their husbands, sons, and fathers during the pogroms, were gang raped and sexually assaulted by the attackers and Sikh homes, businesses, and houses of worship (Gurdwaras) were looted, damaged, and destroyed during the pogroms resulted in the intentional destruction of many Sikh families; and

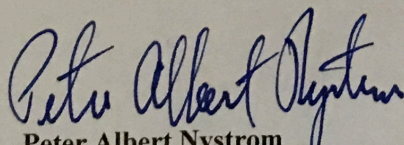
WHEREAS, Eyewitnesses, journalists, and human rights activists have compiled evidence showing that government and law enforcement officials organized, participated in, and failed to intervene to prevent the killings through direct and indirect means ; and

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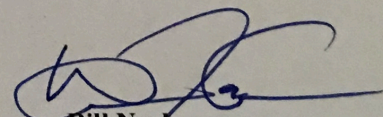
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NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR PETER ALBERT NYSTROM AND NORWICH CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM, BILL NASH, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, do hereby call on the residents of the City of Norwich to remember all who were lost and to work diligently to prevent such a massacre in the future.

Dated this Twenty Tenth Day of November, 2018


Peter Albert Nystrom
Mayor




Bill Nash
President Pro Tem



City Of Norwich

Mayor's Office

Deberey Hinchey, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, November 2017 marks the 33rd year anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November 1984; and

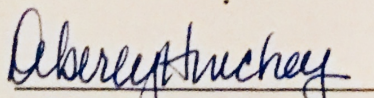
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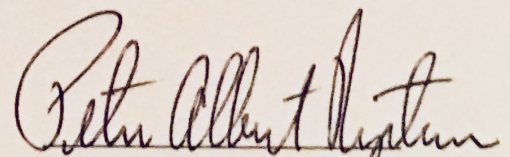
WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations throughout the world, recognizing the need for justice; continue to demand prosecution of those responsible for the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR DEBEREY HINCHEY AND NORWICH CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM, PETER ALBERT NYSTROM, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, do hereby remember those who lost their lives during the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms and massacre and recognize this as "Sikh Genocide 1984".

Dated this Thirtieth Day of November, 2017


Deberey Hinchey
Mayor




Peter Albert Nystrom
President Pro Tem



City Of Norwich

Mayor's Office

Debercy Hinchey, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of California, by act of its legislature, has declared **November 2014 Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month** in recognition to the contributions made by those of Sikh heritage, and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwich and the State of Connecticut are enriched by the diversity of its residents including those of Sikh heritage, and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans have suffered from various forms of discrimination in America, particularly since September 11, 2001, but the Sikh American community continues peacefully to overcome attacks to its identity and practices standing against injustice in all forms, and

WHEREAS, we in Norwich are committed to universal human rights and recognize that violations of those rights anywhere lessens us, and

WHEREAS, the Norwich Area Clergy Association has arranged this program in recognition of and in response to the injustices perpetrated against Sikhs.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR DEBEREY HINCHEY AND NORWICH CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM, PETE DESAULNIERS, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, do hereby proclaim **November 2014 as Sikh American Awareness Month** in the City of Norwich and urge all citizens to join me in acknowledging the Sikhs of Connecticut for their continued efforts on behalf of our community and our residents.

Debercy Hinchey
Mayor

Dated this Twenty-Second day of November, 2014

Pete Desaulniers
President Pro Tem



Town Council

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TOWN COUNCIL OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

Be it hereby known to all that:

The Southington Town Council hereby offers its
Sincerest condolences for the:

November 1984 Sikh Genocide

Whereas, November 2016 marked the 32nd year anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of innocent Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November 1984 Sikh Genocide; and

Whereas, Sikhs were beaten with iron rods; forcibly shorn of their hair, doused with kerosene; and set on fire; Children as old as 13 days of age roasted alive and killed ruthlessly; while their mothers were being gang raped: and sexually assaulted: and

Whereas, Sikh homes, businesses, and houses of worship (Gurdwaras) were looted, damaged, and destroyed during the pogroms resulted in the intentional and irreparable destruction: and

Whereas, Eyewitnesses, journalists, and human rights activists have compiled evidence showing that government and law enforcement officials organized, participated in, and failed to intervene to prevent the brutal killings through direct and indirect means; and

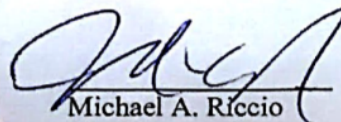
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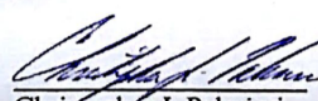
Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Michael A. Riccio, Southington Town Council Chairman, along with Christopher J. Palmieri, Southington Town Councilman on behalf of the entire Southington Town Council, hereby officially acknowledge the terrible events surrounding the "**November 1984 Sikh Genocide**" in India.



TOWN OF SOUTHTON, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

Given this 28th day of November, 2016


Michael A. Riccio
Chairman


Christopher J. Palmieri,
Councilman



City of Hayward

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Assembly Concurrent Resolution No.267 recognized November as California's Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month; and

WHEREAS, Hayward, California is the third most diverse place in the United States with a Commitment to be an Inclusive, Equitable, and Compassionate Community; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism was founded over 5 centuries ago in the historic Punjab region of modern-day India and Pakistan and is now the fifth largest religion in the world; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs first entered California in 1899 through the Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Californians have worked in agriculture, railroad, lumber, technology, medical, education, arts, politics, business, and many other fields contributing to the innovation and economic vitality of our region; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs have served in all American wars since World War I; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been the subject of discrimination, violence, and genocide because of their faith and articles of faith, including a turban and beard, which represent the Sikh religious commitment to justice, equality, and dignity for all; and

WHEREAS, violence motivated by hate whether in Hayward or in the United States, such as in Fresno, California in 2016, Oak Creek, Wisconsin in 2012, or overseas, in New Delhi in 1984 and elsewhere throughout India, harms the safety and wellbeing of all people, and

WHEREAS, the Guru Granth Sahib Foundation (Sikh Temple Hayward) was founded in 1992, with a membership of approximately 600, and a commitment to giving back to the community and interfaith collaboration, and

WHEREAS, the contributions of the Sikh American community as Hayward business owners, residents, and employees merit appreciation as an integral thread in the fabric of Hayward diversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara Halliday, Mayor of the City of Hayward, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2018 as:

Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month

in Hayward as a means to condemn all hate crimes and discrimination against anyone regardless of religion or appearance and to afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate their rich diversity.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Hayward to be affixed this 27th day of November, 2018.

Barbara Halliday
Mayor, Barbara Halliday



The Town of West Hartford
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the health and vitality of a community is reflected in the participation of its citizens in those activities that further the strength of the town; and

WHEREAS, *Sikhism* is the 5th largest independent ethnic religion founded by Guru Nanak in 1469 and now has more than 50 million followers worldwide known as Sikhs; and

WHEREAS, *Sikhs* are from Punjab Region of South Asia, have been living in America for more than 125 years and can be found in different professions, including serving our country in the US Military; and

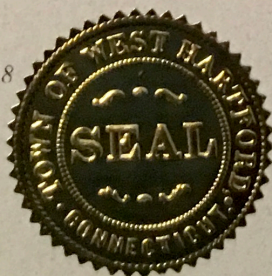
WHEREAS, November 2018 marked the 34th year anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November 1984; and

WHEREAS, individuals and organizations throughout the world, recognizing the need for justice, continue to demand prosecution of those responsible for the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has declared November 1st "*Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day*" and will host a commemoration ceremony on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at the Connecticut State Capital.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that on behalf of the Town Council and the residents of West Hartford, I, Mayor Shari G. Cantor, remember those who lost their lives during the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms and massacre and proclaim the month of November as *Sikh Genocide Awareness Month*.

November 10, 2018



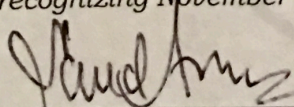
Shari G. Cantor
Shari G. Cantor, Mayor

Town of South Windsor

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Sikhism is the 5th Largest Independent Ethnic Religion founded by Guru Nanak in 1469 and now has more than 50 million followers World-Wide known as Sikhs. Sikhs are from Punjab Region of South Asia and have been living in America for more than 125 years. They can be found in different professions and also serving our country in the U.S. Military; and
- WHEREAS, November 2018 marks the 34th anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November 1984; and
- WHEREAS, Sikhs were beaten with iron rods; doused with kerosene; set on fire; and Sikh women, many of whom lost their husbands, sons, and fathers during the pogroms, were gang-raped and sexually assaulted by the attackers. Sikh homes, businesses, and houses of worship (Gurdwaras) were looted, damaged, and destroyed during the pogroms which resulted in the intentional destruction of many Sikh families; and
- WHEREAS, eyewitnesses, journalists, and human rights activists have compiled evidence showing that government and law enforcement officials organized, participated in, and failed to intervene to prevent the killings through direct and indirect means; and
- WHEREAS, individuals and organizations throughout the world, recognizing the need for justice, continue to demand prosecution of those responsible for the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, M. Saud Anwar, Mayor of the Town of South Windsor, acting on behalf of the Town Council and the residents of South Windsor, do hereby remember those who lost their lives during the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms, and recognizing November 1, 2018, as "1984 Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day".



Mayor M. Saud Anwar
Deputy Mayor Paterna, Councilors
Delnicki, Glickman, Hockenberry,
Maneeley, Pendleton, Riley, and Snyder

November 10, 2018



Proclamation

SIKH GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Sikhism is 5th the largest Independent Ethnic Religion Founded by Guru Nanak in 1469 and now have more than 50 Million Followers World Wide known as Sikhs; 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 also serving our country in US Military; and

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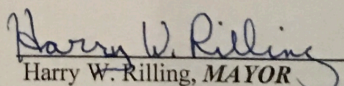
WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations throughout the world, recognizing the need for justice, continue to demand prosecution of those responsible for the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, HARRY W. RILLING, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT do hereby proclaim the month of November, 2018 as:

SIKH GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH

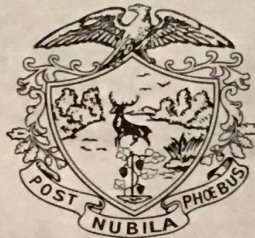
in Norwalk, and in so doing, urge family and friends to join me in remembering those who lost their lives during the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms and massacre and recognize November 1, 2018 as "1984 Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Norwalk to be affixed this 8th day of November, 2018.


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



City of



Hartford

Connecticut

Proclamation

By

The Honorable Luke Bronin, Mayor

***WHEREAS,** Sikhism is the world's 5th largest religion founded by Guru Nanak in 1469, which now has more than 50 million followers world-wide, known as Sikhs, and*

***WHEREAS,** Sikhs are originally from the Punjab region of South Asia and the community has roots in America that go back to the early twentieth century, and*

***WHEREAS,** Today, hundreds of thousands of Sikhs live in America, and the Sikh community contributes to every part of American society, from business to medicine to the military, and*

***WHEREAS,** November 2018 marks the 34th year anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh massacres, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November 1984, and*

***WHEREAS,** The massacres were supported by some Indian government officials, representing a horrific betrayal of the Indian government's responsibilities and of fundamental human rights and values, and*

***WHEREAS,** The City of Hartford joins the Sikh community in remembering those who lost their lives in tragic, abhorrent violence, as well as their families, and in condemning violence and persecution in all its forms, now, therefore, be it*

***PROCLAIMED,** That I, Luke A. Bronin, Mayor of the City of Hartford, along with the Court of Common Council and the citizens of Hartford, join the Sikh community in commemorating the thousands of Sikhs who lost their lives in the 1984 anti-Sikh massacres at the Connecticut State Capitol on November 10th, 2018.*

In testimony of this Proclamation, I hereby set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hartford to be affixed this 10th day of November, 2018.

Luke Bronin
Mayor



Proclamation



Whereas, Sikhism is 5th Largest Independent Ethnic Religion founded by Guru Nanak in 1469. Currently, it has more than 50 million followers world-wide, 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 serve our country in the United States military; and,

Whereas, November 1st, marked the 35th commemoration of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in 1984; and,

Whereas, Sikhs were beaten with iron rods; doused with kerosene; set on fire; and the women, many of whom lost their husbands, sons, and fathers during the pogroms, were gang raped and sexually assaulted by the attackers. Sikh homes, businesses, and house of worships (Gurdwaras) were looted, damaged, and destroyed during the pogroms resulted in the intentional destruction of many families; and,

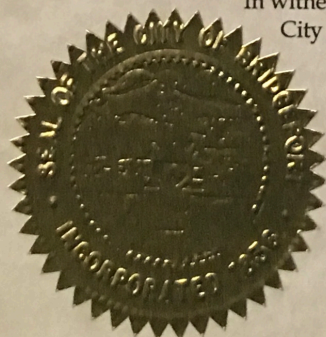
Whereas, journalists, human rights activists, and eyewitnesses, have compiled evidence showing that government and law enforcement officials organized, participated, and failed to intervene to prevent the killings through direct and indirect means; and,

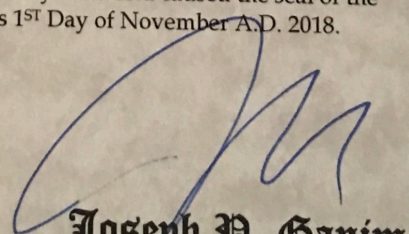
Whereas, individuals and organizations throughout the world, recognizing the need for justice, continue to demand prosecution of those responsible for the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms.

Now Therefore, I, Joseph P. Ganim, Mayor of the City of Bridgeport, in remembrance of those who lost their lives during the 1984 Sikh Genocide in India, do hereby proclaim, November 1, 2018 as the

1984 Sikh Genocide Remembrance 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 1st Day of November A.D. 2018.




Joseph P. Ganim
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

Town of Hamden
Office of The Mayor

SIKH GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH

NOVEMBER, 2018

SIKH GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2018

WHEREAS, Sikhism is 5th largest independent ethnic religion founded by Guru Nanak in 1469 currently with more than 50 million followers known throughout the world as Sikhs. Sikhs are from the Punjab Region of South Asia and have lived in America for more than 125 years. Sikhs work in our communities in numerous professions and serve in the US Military; and

WHEREAS, November 2018 marked the 34th year anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November 1984; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs were beaten with iron rods, doused with kerosene, and set on fire. Many Sikh women lost their husbands, sons, and fathers during the pogroms and were gang raped and sexually assaulted by the attackers. Sikh homes, businesses, and houses of worship (Gurdwaras) were looted, damaged, and destroyed during the pogroms; and

WHEREAS, Eyewitnesses, journalists, and human rights activists have compiled evidence showing that government and law enforcement officials organized, participated in, and failed to intervene to prevent the killings through direct and indirect means; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations throughout the World, recognize the need for justice and continue to demand prosecution of those responsible for the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Hamden joins with the State of Connecticut in remembering those who lost their lives during the November, 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms and massacre.

NOW THEREFORE I, Curt Balzano Leng, Mayor of The Town of Hamden do hereby recognize November 1st, 2018 as:

“1984 Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day” and

**Recognize the month Of November as:
Sikh Genocide Awareness Month**



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Balzano Leng", is written over a horizontal line.

Curt Balzano Leng, Mayor

City of Holyoke Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Sikh community, which originated in Punjab, India and began immigrating into the United States over 100 years ago, has played an important role in developing this country and this State; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the world's fifth largest religion with nearly 30 million adherents, including roughly 700,000 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh Genocide of 1984 took place post assassination of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in Delhi, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Jammu & Kashmir, Chhattisgarh, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Maharashtra beginning on November 1st, 1984 and lasting three days, an estimated 30,000+ Sikhs were brutally murdered or died as they were hunted in their homes, hacked, and burned alive; and

WHEREAS, the California State Assembly, on April 16, 2015, unanimously passed Assembly Concurrent Resolution 34, which recognizes the systematic and organized killings of Sikhs by the Indian government in Delhi and remembers those who lost their lives during the 1984 Sikh Genocide; and

WHEREAS, eyewitnesses, journalists, and human rights activists have compiled evidence showing that government and law enforcement officials organized, participated in, and failed to intervene to prevent the killings through direct and indirect means; and

WHEREAS, as recent as 2011, mass graves have been discovered in the villages of HondhChillar and Pataudi in Haryana, and many more will continue to be discovered in the future with Indian government officials and police flouting impunity; and

WHEREAS, the "Widow Colony" (the Tilak Vihar neighborhood in New Delhi) still houses thousands of Sikh women, who were forced to bear mass rape and witness the hacking, burning, and murder of their husbands, fathers, and sons, still are calling for justice against the perpetrators; and

WHEREAS, many of the survivors of the Sikh Genocide eventually immigrated to the United States and established large Sikh communities in places such as Fresno, Yuba City, Stockton, Fremont, Glenrock, New York City, and Philadelphia, among other places; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh community in America has recovered from the material damages of the Genocide, they continue to keep the memory alive and will never forget the Sikh Genocide of 1984; and

WHEREAS, for years, the term '1984 anti-Sikh riots' was used to describe the events of November 1984 which was a distortion and wrongly implied. Recognizing the state-sponsored violence that targeted Sikhs across India in 1984 is an important and historic step towards justice, accountability and reconciliation which we hope will be an example to other governments.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Alex B. Morse, do recognize the November 1984 as

"ANTI-SIKH VIOLENCE IN INDIA AS GENOCIDE"

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Official Seal of the City of Holyoke to be affixed

Signed: _____

Alex B. Morse, Mayor

