

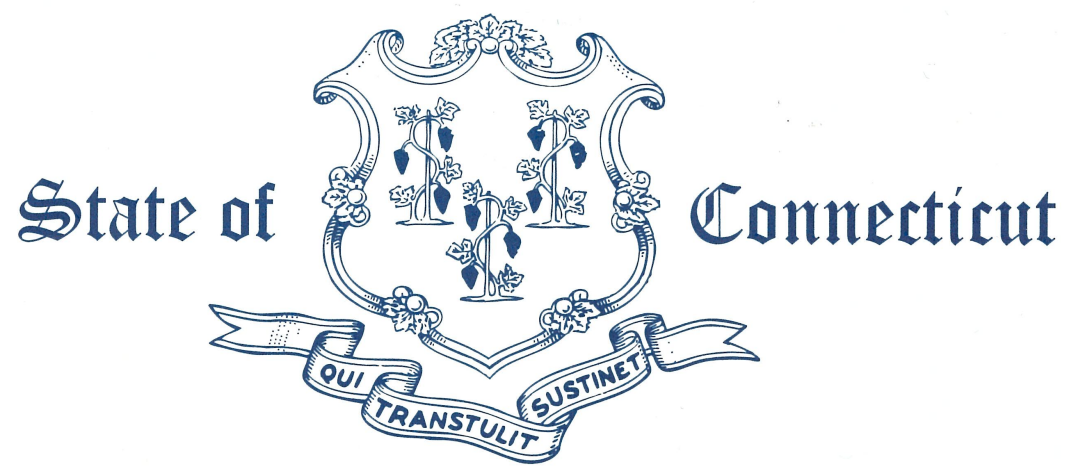
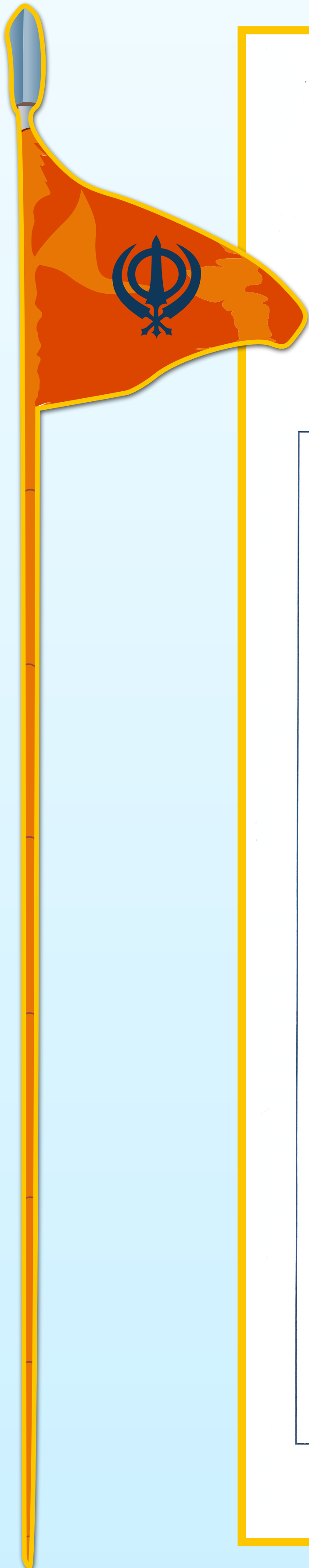
THANK YOU

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

FOR RECOGNIZING MONTH OF

JUNE AS

“SIKH MEMORIAL MONTH”



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest independent ethnic religion founded by Guru Nanak in 1469 in the Punjab Region of South Asia. There are over 30 Million Followers World Wide known as Sikhs and 700,000 living in The United States of America. Many Sikhs have called America their home since the late nineteenth century. Sikhs can be found in diverse professions including service in Law Enforcement and US Armed forces with their articles of faith; and

WHEREAS, June 2019 marked the 35th Commemoration of Invasion of Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) and 36 Other Gurudwaras all over India by the Indian Army, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikh Worshipers on one of their Holiest days during the year. This year also marks the 35th Commemoration of November 1984 Sikh Genocide; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs were shot while their hands were tied behind their backs, Sikh Political Authority “Akaal Takhat” was attacked with Tanks, Bullets were shot at the Sikh Scripture and Sikh Reference Library was burned and artifacts were looted; and

WHEREAS, Eyewitnesses, journalists, and human rights activists have compiled evidence showing that Indian Army took this illegal action in violation of Geneva Conventions and carried Pre Planned Attack on orders of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to End Sikhs Civil Rights movement lead by Sant Jarnail Singh Khalsa Bhindranwale; and

WHEREAS, Still 80% of Sikh Population lives in Indian Occupied Punjab and wants to exercise their right for Self-Determination under United Nations guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations throughout the world, recognizing the need for justice, continue to demand prosecution of those responsible for June 1984 Massacre and November 1984 Sikh Genocide; now

THEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as

SIKH MEMORIAL MONTH
in the State of Connecticut




GOVERNOR