STATE/CITY/TOWN OF \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **PROCLAMATION**

Nov 1, 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. Sikhs are from Punjab Region of South Asia and are living in American for more than 125 years. They can be found in different professions and also serving our country in US Military; and

WHEREAS,November 2021 marked the 37th 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, State of Connecticut in 2018 passed the Resolution in State Assembly to Recognize Sikh Genocide every year to embrace the message of equality,freedom,love and peace & to stand in solidarity with Sikh Nation;and

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

State/City/Town of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ remember those who lost their lives during the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms and massacre & recognize

 **Nov 1st 2021 as “1984 Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day” & Month of November as “Sikh Genocide Awareness Month”**