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**RESOLUTION**

Whereas Sikhism is a religion founded in the Punjab region of South Asia over five centuries ago and introduced to the United States in the 19th century;

Whereas 80% of Sikh Population still lives in Indian Occupied Punjab;

Whereas Sikhism is the fifth largest world independent,ethnic religion with ap- proximately 50 million adherents from diverse back- grounds throughout the world, including 700,000 adherents in the United States;

Whereas Sikhs in the United States pursue diverse professions and walks of life, making rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces;

Whereas Vaisakhi is one of the most religiously significant days in Sikh history, commemorating the creation of the Khalsa, a fellowship of devout Sikhs, by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699;

Whereas the Sikh religion is based on a belief in one God and the equality of all human beings; and

Whereas the celebration of Vaisakhi includes performing Seva (selfless service), such as providing free meals to all visitors to Sikh Gurdwaras (Houses of Worship);

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ wishes the Sikh American community a joyous Vaisakhi celebration on **April 14, 2021** (Mool Nanakshai Sikh Calender) and Declare Vaisakhi Day as

**“NATIONAL SIKH DAY”**