**Town/City/State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PROCLAMATION**

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.

WHEREAS, 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 serving our country in law enforcement and US Military; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) marks all Sikh places of worship (Gurdwaras) and other Sikh institutions representing the Sikh values

WHEREAS, the origin of the Nishan Sahib – Sikh Flag is traced to Year 1606, the time of Guru Hargobind, (Sixth Guru) who hoisted a Nishan Sahib over the Akal Takhat (or Akal Bunga) at Amritsar, Punjab, India representing the Sikh Values - One God, equality of all humans, love & respect of all, life of service & dedication.

WHEREAS,Hoisting Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) has Historical and symbolic significant that the Sikhs are against any kind of tyranny and injustice gives global message of courage to raise voice against any oppression and despotism ; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 1783, Sikh Army under leadership of Sikh General Baghel Singh along with Jassa Singh Ahluwalia and Jassa Singh Ramgarhia conquered the Red Fort, New Delhi and hoisted Nishan Sahib on that day. March 11, 2021 Marks 238th year anniversary.

WHERAS, Freedom of Religion, Speech and Expression is embedded in United States Constitution and we stand in solidarity with Sikh Americans efforts to bring in light the Historical events of Sikh History; and now, therefore, be it resolved that Town of Hamden stand in solidarity with Sikhs and recognize as:

**March 11, 2021 as “Sikh Flag (Nishan Sahib) Day”**