

Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day (Nov 1st) Resolution in Connecticut

By : CT State Senator Cathy Osten and State Rep. Kevin Ryan (D.Conn.)

Substitute Senate Bill No. 489

AN ACT DESIGNATING VARIOUS DAYS AND WEEKS.



Public Act No. 18-60

Recognizing Anti-Sikh Violence by Indian Govt. in November 1984 as Sikh Genocide

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly of State of Connecticut, United States of America.

Senator Cathy Osten and Rep. Kevin Ryan submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on judiciary and passed and signed by Governor of State.

RESOLUTION

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes is amended by adding subdivisions (83) to (86), inclusive, as follows (Effective from passage):

(NEW) (85) The Governor shall proclaim November Thirtieth of each year to be Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day to remember the lives lost on November 30th, 1984, during the Sikh Genocide. Suitable exercises may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the observance of the day.

(Request to Amend Nov 30th to Nov 1st will be made in next session)

Approved June 1, 2018

Presented to : Swaranjit Singh Khalsa - WORLD SIKH PARLIAMENT



State of Connecticut
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
STATE CAPITOL
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT 06106-1591

Government Administration and Elections Committee
March 19, 2018
LOB 2A 10:00 AM

In **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 489
An Act Designating Various Days and Weeks

Chairwoman Flexer, Chairman Fox, Chairman McLachlan, and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, I am here to testify in **support** of Senate Bill 489, *An Act Designating Various Days and Weeks*.

First, we'd like to thank the leadership of the committee for incorporating our request in this bill. As some of you may know, the City of Norwich is home to a growing Sikh community. These hard working families have made Connecticut and Norwich, in particular, their home; where they can practice their faith and give back to the community. Many moved to this country in the 1980s and 1990's to escape persecution in India.

For those of you who may be unfamiliar, Sikhism is a monotheistic religion that emphasizes compassion and service to others; universal themes shared by many of the world's religions. The events leading to the November 1984 Sikh Genocide can be traced to the decades of violence perpetuated by the ruling majority in India. Following the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, approximately 30,000 Sikhs were killed in the capital of New Delhi, over the course of a four-day period. In the decade that followed, over 150,000 people lost their lives to violence.

Based upon feedback from the Sikh community, we would like to respectfully request that the bill be amended to designate the month of November as Sikh Genocide Remembrance Month in lieu of one day. We appreciate this act's recognition of the Sikh community and its history. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in **support** of Senate Bill 489. We look forward to working with the leadership and members of this committee on this bill's passage.

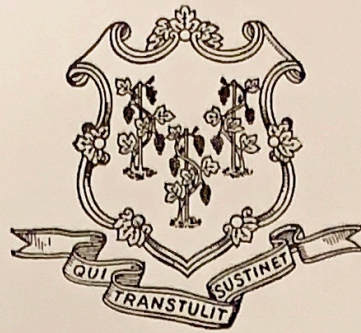
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Catherine A. Osten
State Senator, 19th District

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Kevin Ryan
State Representative, 139th District

State of



Connecticut

By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: a

PROCLAMATION

Whereas proclaimed by the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights [...] without distinction of any kind, such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status [...] Everyone has the right to life, liberty and the security of person."

Intolerance, violence, and violation of human rights have no place in our global society. The history of the Sikh Genocide offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments.

The events that occurred in 1984, mark in sorrow the loss of countless Sikh lives, a great loss for both the Sikh community and the global citizenry. The citizens of the State of Connecticut should remember the terrible events of the Sikh Genocide, and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny.

We must ensure that discrimination and violence do not take place in our community and to protect human rights universally.

Therefore, in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut, I, Ned Lamont, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 1st to be, in perpetuity,

SIKH GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

In the state of Connecticut

Given under my hand and seal of the State at the Capitol, in Hartford, this fourth day of November, two thousand and twenty and of the independence of the United States the two hundred forty-fourth.



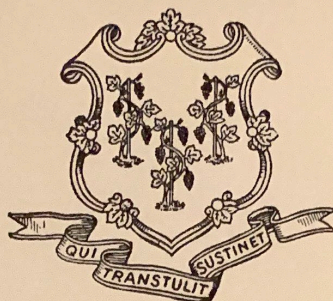
Ned Lamont

by His Excellency's Command

Dennis W. Merrill

Secretary of the State

State of



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By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: a
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Therefore, in accordance with the laws of the State of Connecticut, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor, do hereby proclaim November 30th to be, in perpetuity,

SIKH GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE DAY

In the state of Connecticut

Given under my hand and seal of the State at the Capitol, in Hartford, this eleventh day of September, two thousand and eighteen and of the independence of the United States the two hundred forty-second.



Handwritten signature of Dannel P. Malloy in blue ink.

by His Excellency's Command

Handwritten signature of Dennis W. Merrill in blue ink.
Secretary of the State



CONGRESSMAN JOE COURTNEY
2ND DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

Proudly Presents
SWARNIJIT SINGH KHALSA
&
SIKH SEVAK SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL

*A certificate of special Congressional Recognition in commemoration of the lives lost
during the tragic events of October 3rd through November 4th, 1984.*

NOVEMBER 30, 2017

DATE


CONGRESSMAN JOE COURTNEY



CONGRESSMAN JOE COURTNEY
2ND DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

Presents

THE SIKHS OF CONNECTICUT

Special Congressional Recognition

**TO MARK THE 34TH COMMEMORATION OF THE VIOLENCE COMMITTED
AGAINST THE SIKH PEOPLE, WHICH CLAIMED THOUSANDS OF LIVES
THROUGHOUT INDIA IN THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1984.**

NOVEMBER 10, 2018

DATE

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Courtney".

CONGRESSMAN JOE COURTNEY



Senator Richard Blumenthal
Connecticut

Certificate of Special Recognition

Presented to

Sikhs of Connecticut

*In Recognition of Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day and
In Honor of the Contributions of the Sikh Community to Connecticut*

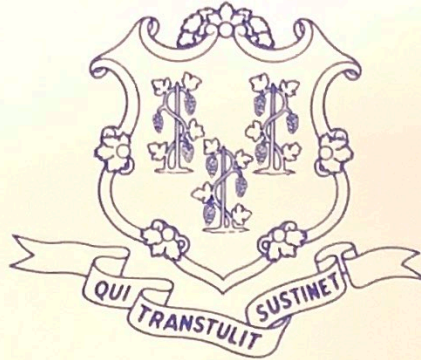
November 10, 2018

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SENATOR RICHARD BLUMENTHAL

State of Connecticut



General Assembly Official Citation

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Senator Saud Anwar, 3rd Dist. *Representative Kevin Ryan, 139th Dist.*
Representative Emmett D. Riley, 46th Dist.

**Be it hereby known to all that:
The Connecticut General Assembly
offers its sincerest congratulations to:**

Sikh Community of Connecticut

In recognition of

*the designation of November 1st of each year as Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day in the State of Connecticut.
We join together to remember those who lost their lives during the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed
the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in November 1984.*

**The entire membership extends its
very best wishes on this memorable occasion
and expresses the hope for continued success.**

**Given this 1st day of November 2020
at the State Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut**

by

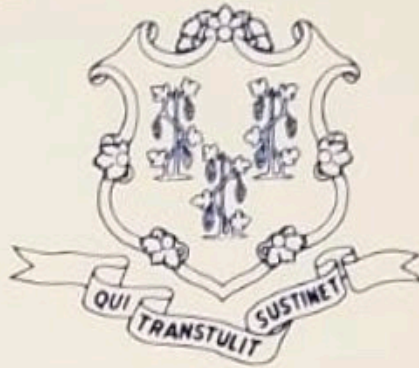
Martin M. Looney
President Pro Tempore

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Speaker of the House

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Secretary of the State



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Representative Kevin Ryan, 139th Dist.
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that claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in November 1984.*

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and expresses the hope for continued success.**

**Given this 9th day of November 2019
at the State Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut**

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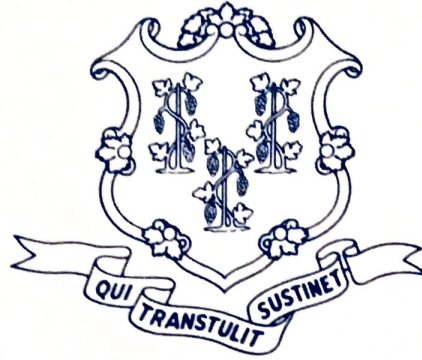
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Representative Kevin Ryan, 139th District
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**Be it hereby known to all that:
The Connecticut General Assembly
offers its sincerest sympathy to:**

The Sikh Community of Connecticut

In recognition of

the 33rd anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in November, 1984. Individuals and organizations throughout the world, recognizing the need for justice, continue to demand prosecution of those responsible. We join together to remember those who lost their lives and recognize the Sikh Genocide of 1984.

**The entire membership extends our
condolences on this solemn occasion and
expresses our hope for justice for these crimes.**

**Given this 30th day of November 2017
at the State Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut**

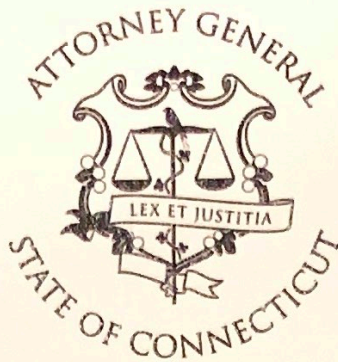
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Secretary of the State





OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Official Citation

Be it hereby known to all that
The Attorney General
offers his sincerest condolences to the:

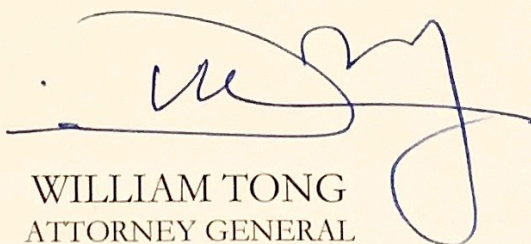
Sikh Community of Connecticut

in recognition of

**The 1984 Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day which commemorates
the tragic loss of thousands of Sikh lives during the anti-Sikh
programs.**

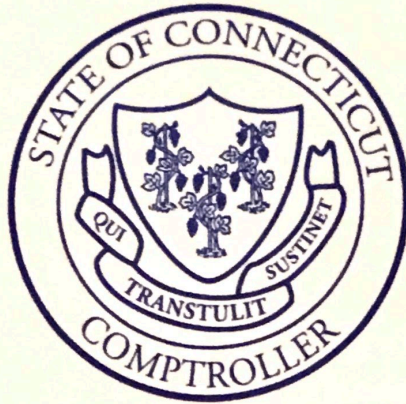
The Attorney General extends his deepest sympathies during this difficult
occasion and expresses his hope for continued peace.

Given on this 5th day of November 2020, by



WILLIAM TONG
ATTORNEY GENERAL





OFFICE of the STATE COMPTROLLER
OFFICIAL CITATION

Be it hereby known to all that the State Comptroller
hereby offers his sincerest congratulations to:

Sikh Community of Connecticut

in recognition of

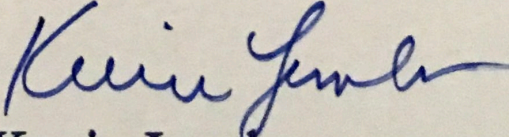
Sikh Genocide Remembrance Day. We stand in solidarity with the Sikh Community of Connecticut on the occasion of the 34th Commemoration of the Sikh Genocide. Each year on November 1st, we will remember those lives lost and will honor their memory.

The State Comptroller extends his best wishes on this memorable occasion and expresses his hope for continued success.

Given this

10th Day of November, 2018

by


Kevin Lembo
State Comptroller



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The House of Representatives

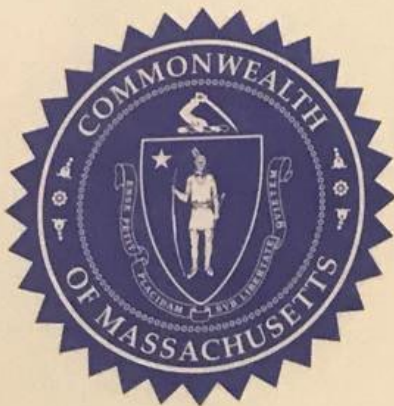


Be it hereby known to all that:
The Massachusetts House of Representatives
offers its sincerest congratulations to:
The Sikh Community of the U.S.

in recognition of
**Your important work bringing visibility to the Sikh Genocide of
1984 and preventing such atrocities in the future**
The entire membership extends its very best wishes
and expresses the hope for future good fortune
and continued success in all endeavors.

Given this 14th day of November, 2018

At the State House, Boston, Massachusetts



by: Robert A. DeLeo

Robert A. DeLeo
Speaker of the House

Offered by: Aaron Vega
Aaron Vega
State Representative

