

Resolution

Honoring Sikh Awareness Month

WHEREAS, California and our nation are at once blessed and enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 23 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 500,000 Americans of Sikh origin, comprising about half of the nation's estimated Sikh population, residing in California alone; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs, who originated in Punjab, India, first entered California in 1899 through the Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco, California; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs are a grass roots community of more than 100 years, and during the early 20th century, thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific & Eastern Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Guru Nanak, founder of Sikhism, was born 550 years ago, and the year of 2019 is his 550th birth anniversary year; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans come from many walks of life and pursue diverse professions, making rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces; they have made significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, trucking, medicine and technology, and have distinguished themselves by fostering greater respect among all people through faith and service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (insert Mayor's name here), Mayor of the City of Rocklin on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim that the month of November was Sikh Awareness Month; and do hereby call upon all citizens to seek to further the diversity of its community and afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans.

_____	<u>Mayor</u>
_____	<u>Vice Mayor</u>
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	<u>Dated: December 10, 2019</u>

Attest:

Hope Ithurburn, Deputy City Clerk