

## Proclamation

**Whereas,** Assembly Concurrent Resolution No.102 recognizes the month of November as California's Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month; and

**Whereas,** the City of Alameda is committed to the values of dignity, inclusivity, and respect for all individuals, regardless of ethnic or national origin, gender, race, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, or immigration status; and

**Whereas,** Sikhs first entered California in 1899 through the Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco 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,** Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today there are more than 25 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 800,000 Sikhs living in the United States, half of whom reside in California; and

**Whereas,** Sikhs have been the subject of discrimination, violence, and genocide because of their faith and articles of faith, including a turban and beard, which represent the Sikh religions' commitment to justice, equality, and dignity for all; and

**Whereas,** Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions and walks of life, making rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of our communities and have made significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, trucking, medicine, and technology; and

**Whereas,** today, the City of Alameda seeks 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.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim November 2022 to be

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and encourage all Alamedans to recognize the rich diversity and culture of Sikhism.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Mayor

