

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 25-332

PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 2025 AS SIKH HERITAGE MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

WHEREAS, Sikhism, the world's fifth-largest religion, has over 40 million adherents worldwide and approximately 500,000 Sikh Americans, many of whom have made significant contributions to the social, economic, and cultural fabric of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been part of the American story for more than a century, contributing to early industries such as agriculture, lumber, and railroads, and continuing to serve with distinction across a wide range of professions today; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans are recognized by their distinct turbans and unshorn hair, speak Punjabi as their native language, and are guided by the core Sikh values of Kirat Karni (honest living), Vand Chhakna (sharing with others), and Naam Japna (remembrance of God); and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans proudly serve in the U.S. Armed Forces, law enforcement, education, healthcare, and business sectors, play a vital role in the nation's transportation industry by delivering essential goods across America, and are known for their seva—selfless service to humanity—during times of crisis and natural disasters; and

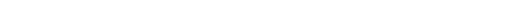
WHEREAS, the year 2025 marks the 556th birth anniversary (Gurpurab) of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism, and the 326th anniversary of the creation of the Khalsa by the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji—both celebrated worldwide as milestones rooted in the Sikh principles of justice, equality, and service; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh community is an integral part of California's rich diversity, with Fresno County home to one of the state's largest and most vibrant Sikh populations whose contributions continue to strengthen the region's agricultural, economic, cultural, and civic life.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim November 2025 as Sikh Heritage Month, in recognition of the Sikh community's enduring contributions to the County of Fresno, the State of California, and the United States of America.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 4th day of November 2025, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None


Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:

BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By Mark W. Vane
Deputy