

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

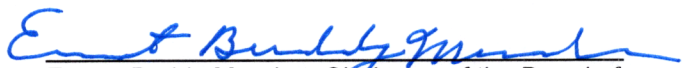
**WHEREAS**, the year 2025 marks the 556th birth anniversary (Gurpurab) of Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism, and the 326th anniversary of the creation of the Khalsa by the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji—both celebrated worldwide as milestones rooted in the Sikh principles of justice, equality,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