## IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING JASWANT SINGH KHALRA) DAY IN FRESNO COUNTY IN RECOGNITION OF THE HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS OF A CELEBRATED SIKH LEADER)

WHEREAS, Jaswant Singh Khalra was a strong advocate for the democratic and human rights of all people. Jaswant Singh Khalra was a highly respected leader within the Sikh community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Jaswant Singh Khalra documented human rights abuse and fought for the dignity of all that had their humanity trampled by the Indian Government. The County of Fresno is the first county in the world to have a permanent landmark for the human rights hero; and

WHEREAS, the County of Fresno is proud of its Sikh community and is home to broad service organizations such as the Sikh Institute of Fresno, Sikh Women of Central California, Sikh Council of Central California, and the Jakara Movement that are committed to social justice for all. September 6th is recognized by Sikhs and human rights supporters across the world as the date of the kidnapping and murder of Jaswant Singh Khalra in 1995.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September 6, 2020 as "Jaswant Singh Khalra Day" in Fresno County in order to recognize the humanitarian efforts and celebrate the life of this Sikh leader.

THE FOREGOING was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 22nd day of September, 2020, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None


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


