



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Thomas M. Poynton

PROCLAMATION DECLARING APRIL 2021 SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 120 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, there are more than 25 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 500,000 Sikh Americans; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking, medicine, and technology; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Lake Zurich is committed to educating citizens, the value of diversity, tolerance grounded in First Amendment principles, a culture of mutual understanding, and the diminution of violence; and

WHEREAS, today, the Village of Lake Zurich 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 PROCLAIMED, that I Mayor Tom Poynton, on this 5th day of April 2021, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 to be Sikh awareness and Appreciation Month.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2021.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official Seal of this Village to be affixed.




Tom Poynton, Mayor of Lake Zurich