

Resolution No. 2017-

ADOPT AND PRESENT A RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE SIKH AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND HONORING THEIR CELEBRATION OF VAISAKHI

WHEREAS, the Sikh religion originated in the Punjab region of India in the 15th century by Guru Nanak and has over 25 million followers throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Sikh community has played an active role as a growing community since opening the Guru Nanak Sikh Temple in at the edge of Suisun Valley in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh community is centered around intensive prayer, strong family values and work ethics, a focus on charity and fighting for social justice and equality for all. The temple represents the spirit of the people where the community gathers around the religious practice of “langar”, huge meals cooked and offered to the congregation and to any visitor; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism also teaches service to others, advocating helping the poor, needy, and oppressed. The Sikh core beliefs of service was recently demonstrated by opening their Temple doors in Solano and communities to those who were evacuated by the Oroville Dam spillway failure and by taking in those who were displaced during the storm emergency; and

WHEREAS, the historical and religious festival of Vaisakhi is celebrated on April 14th this year and celebrates the founding of the Sikh community known as the Khalsa; and Vaisakhi is an ancient festival of Hindus, celebrated on April 14th, marking the Solar New Year and also celebrating the spring harvest.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Solano County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its support of the local Sikh American community for its support of others during the storm emergency and for their ongoing charity work, and wishes them a joyous celebration of Vaisakhi.

Dated this 11th day of April, 2017

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk