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BEFORE THE FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

In the Matter Recognizing November
2025 as "Sikh American Awareness and
Appreciation" Month

Resolution No. 2025 -35 (FCBE)
Resolution No. 2025 -54 (FCSS)

WHEREAS, Studies and activities pertaining to Sikh Awareness will help students to gain a better understanding of Sikh American culture and traditions; and

WHEREAS, California and our nation are at once blessed and enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents; and

WHEREAS, among this unprecedented diversity in California, there reside an estimated 250,000 Americans of Sikh origin, comprising nearly 40 percent of the nation's estimated Sikh population; and

WHEREAS, While Sikh Americans have distinguished themselves in numerous areas of endeavor, they have demonstrated particular success in the areas of agriculture, trucking, medicine, and in the creation of small, family-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, The Sikh and Punjabi American communities of California continue to make important contributions to our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans throughout California celebrate the coronation day of Sikh Scripture as Guru Gaddi Divas, along with parades in cities across California, including the second largest in Selma, California; and

WHEREAS, The Sikh Council of Central California, representing a dozen main Sikh temples in the Fresno County area, actively takes part in the Multifaith Exchange and Interfaith Alliance meetings and seminars to share their monotheistic religion and the tenets of their faith, and the important role that Sikh Americans play in furthering mutual understanding and respect among all peoples; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Concurrent Resolution 97, created "Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation" Month to afford all Californians the opportunity to understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared principles of Sikh Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Education and the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools hereby recognize November as "Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation" Month and encourage all Fresno County School Districts to participate with appropriate activities and curriculum.

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education at its meeting on October 16, 2025

by the following votes:

President Allen Clyde:

Yes ☒ No ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent ☐

Vice President Marcy Masumoto:

Yes ☒ No ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent ☐

Member Bryan Burton:

Yes ☐ No ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent ☒

Member Itzi Robles:

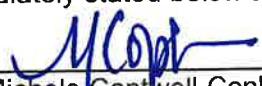
Yes ☒ No ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent ☐

Member Kimberly Tapscott-Munson:

Yes ☐ No ☐ Abstain ☐ Absent ☒


Allen Clyde, President

This Resolution is adopted by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools as of the date immediately stated below as evident by her signature hereunder:


Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher, Superintendent

Date: 10/16/25

CERTIFICATION

I am the Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the Fresno County Board of Education and hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is the full, true, and correct resolution duly passed and adopted by the Fresno County Board of Education on the date stated above.

By:


Dr. Michele Cantwell-Copher
Fresno County Superintendent of Schools
Ex-Officio Secretary and Executive Officer of the
Fresno County Board of Education

Date:

10/16/25