

# PROCLAMATION

## *Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month ~ November 2023*

**WHEREAS,** the City of Elk Grove, the state of California, and our great nation are enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents; and

**WHEREAS,** Sikhs are the fifth largest religious group by number with more than 25 million around the world; an estimated 500,000 Americans are of Sikh origin and more than a third of the nation's Sikh population resides in California; and

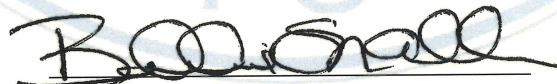
**WHEREAS,** Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions and walks of life, making rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and have made and continue to make significant contributions in public service, agriculture, medicine, trucking, science and technology, and distinguish themselves by fostering greater respect among people through faith and service; and

**WHEREAS,** this month of November is significant for the Sikh celebrations of Diwali, the birthday of the first Guru and founder of Sikhism, Guru Nanak Dev ji, in 1469 and installation of the Sikh Scriptures as the final and eternal Guru in 1708; and

**WHEREAS,** today, the City of Elk Grove seeks to recognize 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 RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby affirms and proclaims November 2023 as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month in the City of Elk Grove, and asks the community to contemplate and reflect to inspire ourselves individually, and our society collectively, to work towards a brighter future.

**SIGNED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.



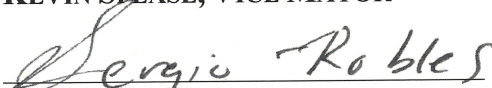
BOBBIE SINGH-ALLEN, MAYOR



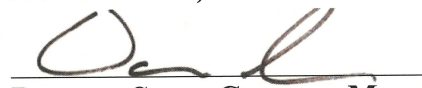
KEVIN SPEASE, VICE MAYOR



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