



RESOLUTION

Declaring April as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month in Hanover Township

WHEREAS, the Hanover Township Board of Trustees, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 130 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 Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 26 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 made significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking, medicine, technology; and

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

WHEREAS, Hanover Township is committed to educating citizens about the world's religions, the value of religious diversity, tolerance grounded in First Amendment principles, a culture of mutual understanding, and the diminution of violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Hanover Township Board of Trustees, Cook County, Illinois, that the month of April 2024 is Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month in Hanover Township.

Dated: April 23, 2024

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of Hanover Township to be affixed hereto.

Trustee Alisa "Lee" Beattie

Trustee Craig Essick

Trustee Eugene N. Martinez

Trustee Denise Noyola

Supervisor Brian P. McGuire

Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer

