

of the City Council

Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month

November 2022

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 25 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 500,000 Sikhs in the US live in California, with the largest concentration living in Yuba City. Nicknamed "Mini Punjab"; 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, and have distinguished themselves by fostering greater respect among all people through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yuba City has a significant population of Sikhs and is committed to respecting the heritage and religions of our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, today, the City of Yuba City seeks to further embrace 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; and

WHEREAS, The Sikh Temple under the leadership of their President Sarb Thiara and their Board of Directors recently hosted the successful and well attended 43rd Nagar Kirtan which included the annual Sikh Parade.

NOW, *THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,* that I, Dave Shaw, Mayor of the City of Yuba City and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2022 to be SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH.

Proclaimed this 18th day of October 2022, at the City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, State of California.