



TOWNSHIP OF SCHAUMBURG

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In Recognition of
“Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month”

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 120 years. Sikhism is the 5th largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 25 million Sikhs worldwide, an estimated 500,000 Sikh Americans, and 25,000 Sikhs in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, April is significant to the Sikh American community because Guru Nanak Dev Ji, the founder of Sikhism, was born April 14, 1469; the order of Khalsa, a truthful and disciplined way of life, was established on April 14, 1699; and "Vaisakhi," a cultural festival to celebrate spring and harvest in Punjab, India, also falls in April; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, and make rich contributions to the social, cultural and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service in the U.S. Armed Forces and significant contributions in agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking and medicine; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service, contributions to society and service to humanity; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Schaumburg is committed to educating residents about the world's religions, the value of religious diversity and a culture of mutual understanding. The Township also seeks to further 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that we, Supervisor Heneghan and Township of Schaumburg Trustees, on this 26th day of April, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023 as **Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month** in the Township of Schaumburg.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Township of Schaumburg to be affixed this 26th day of April 2023.

Timothy M. Heneghan, Township Supervisor