

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Das, Randall, Zeiger, Short, Billig, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Braun, Mullet, Nguyen, Dhingra, Pedersen, Wilson, C., Fortunato, Conway, Keiser, Brown, Wellman, Wagoner, and Lovelett

1 WHEREAS, Sikhism is a religion founded in the Punjab region of
2 South Asia over five centuries ago and introduced to the United
3 States in the 19th century; and

4 WHEREAS, Sikhism is the fifth largest world religion with
5 approximately twenty-five million adherents from diverse backgrounds
6 throughout the world, including an estimated five hundred thousand
7 adherents in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Sikhs in the United States pursue diverse professions
9 and walks of life, making rich contributions to the economic vibrancy
10 of the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, Washington prides itself on being a state where people
12 of all faiths and cultures are welcomed and respected; and

13 WHEREAS, During the month of April, the Sikh community celebrates
14 Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, which marks the beginning of the
15 harvest season and the Sikh New Year; and

16 WHEREAS, Vaisakhi is one of the most religiously significant days
17 in Sikh history, commemorating the creation of the Khalsa, a
18 fellowship of devout Sikhs, by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699; and

19 WHEREAS, The local Sikh community will be celebrating Vaisakhi on
20 May 4th, 2019, at the Kent ShoWare Center, showcasing Sikh heritage
21 and culture;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate of the state of
2 Washington wish our Sikh American community a very joyous Vaisakhi
3 celebration.

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