



Armondo Pavone Mayor

Proclamation

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

Whereas, Sikhism is the fifth largest world religion with approximately 25 million adherents from diverse backgrounds throughout the world, including 500,000 adherents in the United States; and

Whereas, Sikh Americans have made important contributions to the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our city and continue to make strides toward securing religious liberty as patriotic members of the United States Armed Forces; and

Whereas, Sikhs in the United States pursue diverse professions and walks of life, making rich contributions to the economic vibrancy of the United States as farmers, engineers, doctors, scientists, and business owners; and

Whereas, Renton, one of the most multicultural cities in the area and home to people from all over the world, prides itself on being a city where people of all faiths and cultures are welcomed, respected, and able to live in harmony with each other; and

Whereas, during the month of April, the Sikh community celebrates Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day, which marks the beginning of the harvest season and the Sikh New Year; and

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

Whereas, events such as this celebrate the rich cultures and traditions that contribute to the unique character of our city;

Now, therefore, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim April 13, 2021, to be

Sikh Heritage Day

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 12th day of April, 2021.

Armondo Pavone, Mayor
City of Renton, Washington

