

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Das, Randall, Zeiger, Short, Billig, Hasegawa, Hobbs, Braun, Mullet, Nguyen, Dhingra, Pedersen, and Wilson, C.

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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