

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AFFIRMING SOLIDARITY WITH  
THE NORTH AMERICAN SIKH COMMUNITY IN THE FACE  
OF INTERNATIONAL THREATS

WHEREAS, Sikhs make up one of the largest South Asian communities in the United States, with a rich history dating back to the early 20th century, and today, they reside in numerous states across the nation, including California, Indiana, New Jersey, New York, Texas, Virginia, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Fresno is home to a vibrant and thriving Sikh community, contributing to the cultural diversity and social fabric of our city; and

WHEREAS, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, relying on intelligence gathered by Canada and other Five Eye members, publicly alleged the involvement of the Government of India in the assassination of a Canadian citizen and Sikh leader, Mr. Hardeep Singh Nijjar, in Canada, and credible reports have emerged suggesting that Sikh Americans may face similar threats on U.S. soil, as warned by the FBI and law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Government of India has been accused of extrajudicial violence and means to suppress its critics both within India and abroad, raising concerns for the safety of Sikhs and other minorities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, India's policy and practice of committing atrocity crimes against Sikhs and other minorities, as well as its relentless intimidation and persecution of those engaged in lawful speech, call for immediate attention and action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as

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Date Adopted:

Date Approved:

Effective Date:

City Attorney Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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follows:

1. The City of Fresno affirms its solidarity with the North American Sikh community and expresses its commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of all Sikhs residing within its jurisdiction.

2. The City of Fresno calls upon federal and state partners to take immediate action to support the safety and security of the Sikh community in the United States.

3. The City of Fresno urges all concerned parties, both at the federal and international levels, to act swiftly and decisively to address these pressing issues and protect the rights and safety of Sikhs and other minority communities.

4. This resolution shall be effective upon final approval.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF FRESNO ) ss.  
CITY OF FRESNO )

I, TODD STERMER, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

AYES :  
NOES :  
ABSENT :  
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
Mayor Approval/No Return: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
Mayor Veto: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023  
Council Override Vote: \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

TODD STERMER, CMC  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
ANDREW JANZ  
City Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew Janz Date  
City Attorney