

# CITY OF FRESNO

*Office of Mayor Lee Brand and Council President Paul Caprioglio*



## *Guru Nanak 550<sup>th</sup> Gurburb, or Birth Anniversary*

**WHEREAS,** Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 120 years, and during the early 20<sup>th</sup> century thousands of Sikh Americans worked on farms, in lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific, and Eastern Railroad; and

**WHEREAS,** 2019 is the 550<sup>th</sup> birthday of the first of ten gurus and founders of Sikhism, Guru Nanak, and Guru Nanak's Gurburb, which is one of the most important dates in the Sikh calendar, and is celebrated by Sikhs worldwide; and

**WHEREAS,** Sikh men and women have notably contributed to American society since their arrival in the late 1880s; and

**WHEREAS,** Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions that add to the social, cultural and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and making significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, information technology, small business, the hospitality industry, trucking, medicine, and technology; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Fresno recognizes and appreciates the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, Mayor Lee Brand, Council President Paul Caprioglio and the Fresno City Council, do hereby recognize the historical, cultural, and religious significance of Sikh Americans and Guru Nanak's 550<sup>th</sup> birthday and express respect for all Sikhs who practice their faith, and do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to be:

## *“GURU NANAK’S 550<sup>th</sup> GURPURB, or BIRTH ANNIVERSARY DAY”*

in the City of Fresno.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the City of Fresno, California, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

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*LEE BRAND, Honorable Mayor*

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*PAUL CAPRIOGLIO, Council President*

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*MIGUEL ARIAS, Council Vice President*

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*ESMERALDA SORIA, Councilmember District 1*

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*MIKE KARBASSI, Councilmember District 2*

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*LUIS CHAVEZ, Councilmember District 5*

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*GARRY BREDEFELD, Councilmember District 6*

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*NELSON ESPARZA, Councilmember District 7*