



# Board of Commissioners of Cook County

118 North Clark Street  
Chicago, IL

## Legislation Text

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### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

#### **A RESOLUTION HONORING SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH AND ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH**

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

**WHEREAS**, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 25 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 500,000 Sikh Americans; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service; and

**WHEREAS**, Cook County is committed to educating citizens about the world's religions, the value of religious diversity, tolerance grounded in First Amendment principles, a culture of mutual understanding, and the diminution of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, the Cook County seeks to further the diversity of its community and afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the Cook County Board of Commissioners do hereby, proclaim the month of April 2022 to be Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month in Cook County and we recognize and celebrate Sikh residents during Asian American and Pacific Islander Month in May 2022; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that suitable copies of this resolution are presented to Gurmeet Singh Dhalwan.