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WHEREAS, the Sikh religion was founded more than 550 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Sikh immigrants came to the United States in the 1800s and it is estimated that 500,000 Sikhs now live in America; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans served in World War II in the United States Armed Forces, with more than 83,000 having died fighting and 109,000 wounded; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans have made valuable contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of Cook County; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans have had success in the diverse fields of agriculture, information technology, small business, the hotel industry, trucking, and medicine while serving their communities; and

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WHEREAS, Sikh Americans reject all social distinctions that produce inequities, including gender, race, religion and social status; and

WHEREAS, Cook County values religious diversity and is committed to the respect of all peoples; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize Sikh American's influence on American history, achievement, culture, and innovation, and celebrate Sikh Americans for their countless contributions to communities across Cook County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cook County Board of Commissioners designate the month of April as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month in Cook County.

Sponsors: SCOTT R. BRITTON, TONI PRECKWINKLE (President), LUIS ARROYO JR, JOHN P. DALEY, DENNIS DEER, BRIDGET DEGNEN, DONNA MILLER, KEVIN B. MORRISON, LARRY SUFFREDIN, ALMA E. ANAYA

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