



# *Proclamation*

of the City Council

## **SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH NOVEMBER 2019**

**WHEREAS**, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 100 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and today, there are more than 23 million Sikhs worldwide and an estimated 250,000 Americans of Sikh origin, comprising nearly 40 percent of the nation's estimated Sikh population, residing in California alone; and

**WHEREAS**, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions and walks of life, making rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, and have distinguished themselves by fostering greater respect among all people through faith and service; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yuba City has a significant population of Sikhs and is committed to respecting the heritage and religions of our diverse community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Yuba City is committed to educating 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 City of Yuba City seeks to further embrace 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Shon Harris, Mayor of the City of Yuba City and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2019 to be SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH.

Proclaimed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019, at the City of Yuba City, County of Sutter, State of California.