

SAN LEANDRO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Resolution No. 16-54

Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month
November 2016

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 100 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 with an estimated 500,000 Sikhs living in the United States; 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, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and have made significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, trucking, medicine and technology, and have distinguished themselves by fostering greater respect among all people through faith and service; and,

BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of Sikhism, the San Leandro Unified School District Board of Education 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of November, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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Lance James, Board Vice President Mike McLaughlin, Superintendent