

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF NAPERVILLE, ILLINOIS
PROCLAMATION

**SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH
APRIL 2023**

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, lumber mills and mines, and on the Oregon, Pacific and 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 25,000 Sikhs in the State of Illinois; 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, trucking, medicine and technology; and,

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service, and the City of Naperville seeks to further the diversity of its community by affording all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steve Chirico, Mayor of the City of Naperville, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as

**SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH
in the City of Naperville**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Naperville this 5th day of April 2023.



Steve Chirico, Mayor