



THE CITY OF WINDSOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

DREW DILKENS, DBA
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

**“Sikh Heritage Month”
April 2023**

- WHEREAS:** Sikhism is a religion founded in the Punjab region of South Asia by Guru Nanak Sahib Ji, who laid the foundation for a distinct and unique monotheistic faith based on the principles of equality, freedom, and justice for all humanity; and,
- WHEREAS:** Sikhism is the fifth largest world religion with approximately 30,000,000 adherents from diverse backgrounds throughout the world, including more than 500,000 adherents in Canada; and,
- WHEREAS:** Sikh Canadians have lived in Ontario since the middle of the twentieth century, they represent a growing and dynamic population and have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of Ontario; and,
- WHEREAS:** Sikh Canadians have made important contributions to the social, economic, political, and cultural fabric of the city of Windsor; and,
- WHEREAS:** The Month of April was specifically chosen given its importance for Sikhs, as it is in April that Sikh Canadians celebrate Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day which marks the formalization of the Khalsa and the Sikh articles of faith; and
- WHEREAS:** The Month of April was proclaimed as Sikh Heritage Month by the legislature of Ontario in 2013 (Bill 52); and,
- WHEREAS:** Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to create awareness between the Sikh community and other communities living in the city to continue to celebrate Windsor as a diverse community; and,
- WHEREAS:** Sikh Heritage Month aims to celebrate the contributions and aspirations of all Sikh Canadians and develop a greater understanding and appreciation for a rich, unique, and diverse heritage; and,
- WHEREAS:** Sikh Heritage Month recognizes the important contributions Sikh-have made to Windsor's community, economic, and ethnic identity; and,
- THEREFORE:** I, Drew Dilkens, Mayor of the City of Windsor, do hereby proclaim



**April 2023
“Sikh Heritage Month”
in the City of Windsor.**

Mayor