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## Declaring April as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month in Wayne Township

WHEREAS, the Wayne Township Board of Trustees, does hereby find as follows:

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, 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 and an estimated 500,000 Sikh Americans and 25000 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, the hotel industry, trucking, medicine, legal services and technology; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Americans distinguished themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith and service; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Township is committed to educating citizens 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Wayne Township Board of Trustees, DuPage County, Illinois, on this 3rd day of April 2025, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2025 to be SIKH AWARENESS and APPRECIATION MONTH in Wayne Township.

Dated: April 3, 2025

Randy Ramey, Supervisor

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Brandi Fike Ramundo, Clerk