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**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT**

Proclamation of November 2019 as Sikh Appreciation and Awareness Month and 550<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**BACKGROUND**

The month of November is celebrated as Sikh Appreciation and Awareness Month in California. Sikhism is the fifth largest religion in the world, with more than 23 million Sikhs worldwide. An estimated 250,000 Americans of Sikh origin, comprising nearly 40 percent of the nation’s estimated Sikh population, reside in California.

Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions in services such as the United States Armed Forces, agriculture, transportation, medicine, engineering, technology, science, education, energy, and small businesses, and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of United States. Sikh Americans have distinguished themselves by fostering greater respect and understanding among all people through faith and service.

Joy of Sewa is a community organization based in Santa Clara. Founded on the principles of Sikhi, Joy of Sewa volunteers actively participate in local events and volunteer initiatives to better their community through “sewa,” the self-service of others.

**DISCUSSION**

As a Special Order of Business on November 5, 2019, the City Council would like to recognize the month of November as Sikh Appreciation and Awareness Month and will present a proclamation to representatives from Joy of Sewa.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

This is an information report only and no action is being taken by the City Council and no environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) is required.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to the City other than administrative staff time.

**PUBLIC CONTACT**

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