

# City of Commerce City, Colorado



## Proclamation



*WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in the United States for more than 100 years, and during the early 20<sup>th</sup> 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 today and there are more than 26 million Sikhs worldwide; and*

*WHEREAS, since arriving, Sikhs have made valuable contributions to the State of Colorado including establishing multiple gurdwaras (houses of prayer); and*

*WHEREAS, Sikh-Americans pursue diverse professions, and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of Colorado, including service as members of the United State Armed Forces and significant contributions in agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking, medicine, politics, technology and many other industries; and*

*WHEREAS, Sikh-Americans strive to distinguish themselves by fostering respect among all people through faith, leadership, service, and the promotion of equality of all human beings; and*

*WHEREAS, today, the City of Commerce City, Colorado seeks to highlight the diversity of its communities and afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh-Americans.*

*Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Huseman, Mayor of Commerce City, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2023, as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month.*

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed on the seventeenth day of April 2023.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Benjamin A. Huseman, Mayor

