



proclamation

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 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

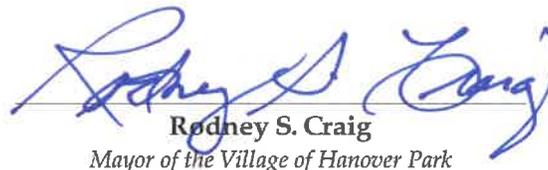
WHEREAS, Sikh Americans pursue diverse professions, and make rich contributions to the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of the United States, including service as members of the United States Armed Forces and significant contributions to our great nation in agriculture, information technology, small businesses, the hotel industry, trucking, medicine, and technology; and

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

WHEREAS, today, the Village of Hanover Park seeks to further the diversity of its community and afford all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize and appreciate the rich history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rodney S. Craig, Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park, Illinois, do hereby proclaim **April 2021** to be **SIKH AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH** in the Village of Hanover Park.

dated this 1st day of April, 2021.


Rodney S. Craig
Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park