

## SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

## **RESOLUTION NO. 25-009**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING APRIL 13, 2025, AS VAISAKHI AND KHALSA DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY

WHEREAS, Vaisakhi is one of the most significant celebrations in the Sikh calendar, marking both the harvest festival and the establishment of the Khalsa in 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh Ji—a pivotal moment in Sikh history that symbolizes sovereignty, justice, and devotion; and

**WHEREAS,** the creation of the Khalsa represents a commitment to truth, equality, and the protection of the vulnerable, embodying values that transcend time and inspire individuals to uphold justice and dignity for all; and

**WHEREAS,** Vaisakhi is a day of reflection for Sikhs worldwide, providing an opportunity to reaffirm the principles of Sikhism, including selflessness, courage, and community service, while celebrating the vibrant heritage and contributions of Sikh communities; and

**WHEREAS**, this day also highlights the importance of unity and resilience, recognizing the sacrifices made by Sikh leaders and communities throughout history to protect their faith and identity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council recognizes April 13, 2025, as Vaisakhi and Khalsa Day, encouraging residents to acknowledge this important occasion by learning about Sikh history, participating in community celebrations, and fostering understanding and respect for diverse cultures. This resolution serves to remind us of the importance of Vaisakhi and the Khalsa to the Sikh community and its commitment to justice, equality, and humanity.

APPROVED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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ATTEST:

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