



**SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL**  
*Snohomish County, Washington*

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 26-009**

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING APRIL 14, 2026, AS  
VAISAKHI AND KHALSA DAY IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY**

*WHEREAS, Vaisakhi is one of the most significant celebrations in the Sikh calendar, marking both the spring harvest festival and the founding of the Khalsa in 1699 by Guru Gobind Singh, a defining moment in Sikh history that symbolizes sovereignty, justice, and spiritual devotion; and*

*WHEREAS, the creation of the Khalsa represents a sacred commitment to truth, equality, and the protection of the vulnerable, embodying principles that continue to inspire individuals and communities to uphold justice, dignity, and service to humanity; and*

*WHEREAS, Vaisakhi is a day of reflection and celebration for Sikhs around the world, offering an opportunity to reaffirm the core Sikh teachings of selfless service, courage, humility, and equality, while honoring the rich cultural heritage and enduring traditions of the Sikh community; and*

*WHEREAS, this day also recognizes the resilience and sacrifices of Sikh leaders and communities throughout history who have worked to defend their faith, protect human rights, and uphold the values of justice and compassion; and*

*WHEREAS, the Sikh community in Snohomish County contributes meaningfully to the social, economic, and civic life of the region, including through small business ownership, leadership in healthcare, education, public safety, and first response, as well as through volunteer service and charitable efforts that strengthen neighborhoods and support those in need; and*

*WHEREAS, Snohomish County is committed to upholding the fundamental principles of religious freedom, civil liberties, and mutual respect, ensuring that individuals of all faiths and backgrounds can practice their beliefs freely and safely while contributing to a diverse and inclusive community;*

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** *that the Snohomish County Council hereby recognizes April 14, 2026, as Vaisakhi and Khalsa Day in Snohomish County and encourages residents to learn about the history and significance of Vaisakhi and join in honoring the Sikh community’s contributions and enduring commitment to service, equality, and justice for all.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** *that this recognition reaffirms Snohomish County’s dedication to fostering understanding, celebrating cultural diversity, and protecting the freedoms that allow all communities to thrive.*

**APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

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**Megan Dunn**  
Council Chair

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**Sam Low**  
Council Vice-Chair

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**Nate Nehring**  
Councilmember

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**Jared Mead**  
Councilmember

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**Strom Peterson**  
Councilmember

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Elena Lao, CMC  
Deputy Clerk of the Council