

# *Proclamation*

## SIKH HERITAGE MONTH APRIL 2024

**WHEREAS**, Sikhism is a religion founded in the Punjab region of South Asia by Guru Nanak Sahib Ji, who laid the foundation for a distinct and unique monotheistic faith based on the principles of equality, freedom, and justice for all humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, Sikhism is the fifth largest world religion with approximately 30,000,000 adherents from diverse backgrounds throughout the world, including more than 500,000 adherents in America; and

**WHEREAS**, Sikh Americans have lived in the United States since the middle of the twentieth century, representing a growing and dynamic population that have made significant contributions to the growth and prosperity here; and

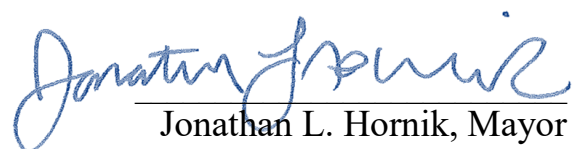
**WHEREAS**, the Month of April was specifically chosen given its importance for Sikhs, as it is in April that Sikh Americans celebrate Vaisakhi, also known as Khalsa Day which marks the formalization of the Khalsa and the Sikh articles of faith; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sikh faith explore universal beliefs such as, the power of prayer and meditation, remaining faithful to God and family, keeping a code of honor and treating everyone equally, and sharing earnings to serve others; and

**WHEREAS**, Sikh Heritage Month is an opportunity to create awareness between the Sikh neighbors living in our town and communities throughout our diverse nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Sikh Heritage Month aims to celebrate the aspirations of all Sikh who have made important contributions to the social, economic, political, and cultural fabric here and many places around the globe.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor of the Township of Marlboro, am pleased to recognize Sikh Heritage Month, April 2024 within the boundaries of Marlboro Township as a way to develop a greater understanding and appreciation for the diverse heritage and ethnic identity of our Sikh community adding to our rich cultural array.



Jonathan L. Hornik, Mayor  
Township of Marlboro  
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