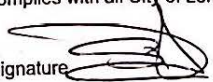


Proclamation Request Form

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Request details

Name of Organization	GURU NANAK MISSION SOCIETY, LONDON ON
Date Proclamation Required	APRIL 1, 2022 - APRIL 30, 2022
Proclamation Name	SIKH HERITAGE MONTH
Proclamation Type (day, week or month)	MONTH
Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations)	NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
Requester Name	SARVARINDER SINGH DOHIL
Requester Telephone Number	
Requester Email Address	
Requester Address	KETTLERIDGE ST, LONDON ON N6H0E7
Provide details of your Organization's Connection to London	- FREE MEAL DRIVE EVERY WEEK - BLOOD DONATION DRIVE TWICE A YEAR - FREE PIZZA DRIVE EVERY YEAR
Required Supporting Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Detail information on the Organization• Detail information on the Event• Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit the request
The undersigned confirms that I am the Official Representative of the Organization requesting the Proclamation and that by signing this Application, I acknowledge and agree that my organization complies with all City of London's Policies and By-laws	
Signature 	Date FEB 7, 2022
NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION	
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GURU NANAK MISSION SOCIETY, LONDON ON |

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City of London,
300 Dufferin Avenue,
London, ON N6A 4L9

RE: Request for Proclamation: April as Sikh Heritage Month 2022

We were delighted to have April 2020 and April 2021 proclaimed as Sikh Heritage Month. The Sikh community has been a proud member of the City of London for many years. It is known for its generosity, hospitality and rich culture and heritage. To this end, we would like the City of London to proclaim April as Sikh Heritage Month. We chose April as it is the birth of Khalsa or Sikh community.

We are consistently working to aid those in need of help regardless of their race or creed. Since 2019 we distributed hundreds of hats, mittens and thousands of meals to people experiencing homelessness and the organizations in need. We also served Pizza at the corner of Richmond and Queens St in November 2020. We have affiliations with United Way, Men's Mission, My Sister's Place and Ark Aid Mission, contributing in every way bi-weekly/monthly. Last year Frontline workers also appreciated us by organizing Parade. We also organize blood donation drive twice every year. Since 2019, many families, kids and youth have joined to volunteer with us and we are growing every day. We are well integrated into the fabric of London's community and embrace any opportunity to help. We encourage our youth to take on the service we so proudly do.

Sikh history with Canada goes back to fighting side by side in both of the Great Wars. Celebrating Sikh Heritage month provides opportunities to see the best of our culture and allows us to forge greater bonds within London. We would be joining other Ontario cities such as Ottawa Hamilton, Windsor, the Province of Ontario and our Federal government who all proclaimed April as Sikh Heritage Month.

We feel London is one of the leaders in showcasing diversity and inclusion. We were also awarded Diversity, Race Relations, and Inclusivity Award by City of London in February 2021. By proclaiming April as Sikh Heritage month, London becomes actively engaged in the process of providing support to all Londoners to feel welcome. Through sharing knowledge and history, Londoners build the community that collaborates and progresses the City into a positive direction for today and future generations. Thank you for considering our application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

Sarvarinder Singh Dohil, President Guru Nanak Mission Society
gurunanakmissionsociety@gmail.com

Shawna Lewkowitz, Community Leader

Proclamation text:

Sikh Heritage Month – April, 2022

That, April 2022 BE PROCLAIMED as Sikh Heritage Month in the City of London; it being noted on the application under the Issuance of Proclamations Policy, to recognize and proclaim “Sikh Heritage Month” on April 1st 2022 to April 30th 2022; it being further noted that every April, Sikhs across Canada participate in Sikh Heritage Month festivities and events that honor the birth of Khalsa and the rich heritage of the culture. Londoners are invited to participate and learn through the many activities that will be happening throughout the month of April.

Organization information:

Guru Nanak Mission Society is a local non-profit organization that has been in operation locally for six years. We seek to support the Sikh and broader community through fundraising, events and cultural learning opportunities.

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