

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**CITY OF**

**DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS,** *there are more than 25 million Sikhs worldwide and over 500,000 Sikhs in the United States, and they have been living in the U.S. for over 125 years; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the month of April of each year is designated as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month to be observed throughout the State of Illinois as a month to recognize the many ways that Sikh Americans have influenced American history, achievement, and innovation; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the Sikh American community has contributed significantly to the cultural fabric and demographic landscape and distinguishes itself by fostering respect among all people through faith and service; and*

**WHEREAS,** *the City of Des Plaines seeks to recognize the diversity of its community and affords all residents the opportunity to better understand, recognize, and appreciate the history and shared experiences of Sikh Americans.*

*Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim April as*

**SIKH AMERICAN AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION MONTH**

*Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2024.*



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*Andrew Goczkowski, Mayor*