



# SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item 9.1e

**Meeting Date:** December 10, 2015

**Subject:** Approve Resolution No. 2863: Recognition of November 2015 as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month

- Information Item Only
- Approval on Consent Agenda
- Conference (for discussion only)
- Conference/First Reading (Action Anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Conference/Action
- Action
- Public Hearing

**Division:** Superintendent's Office

**Recommendation:** Approve Resolution No. 2863: Recognition of November 2015 as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

**Background/Rationale:** November 2015 has been designated as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month. The Resolution recognizes the significant contributions that Californians of Sikh heritage have made to the state and seeks to afford all Californians the opportunity to understand, recognize, and appreciate the rich history and shared principles of Sikh Americans.

**Financial Considerations:** N/A

**LCAP Goal(s):** Family and Community Engagement.

**Documents Attached:**

1. Resolution No. 2863

**Estimated Time of Presentation:** N/A

**Submitted by:** Board President Darrel Woo

**Approved by:** José L. Banda, Superintendent

**SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2863**

**RECOGNITION OF CALIFORNIA SIKH AMERICAN AWARENESS AND  
APPRECIATION MONTH, NOVEMBER 2015**

**WHEREAS**, California and our nation are at once blessed and enriched by the unparalleled diversity of our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sikhs, who originated in Punjab, India, first entered California in 1899 legally through the Angel Island Immigration Station in San Francisco, California; and

**WHEREAS**, Sikh pioneers initially worked on railroad construction and in lumber mills, but by 1910 they turned to farming in the Sacramento, San Joaquin, and Imperial valleys; and

**WHEREAS**, the largest peach, pistachio, okra, and raisin farms are all owned by Sikh farmers in California; and

**WHEREAS**, Sikhism, founded in 1469 by Guru Nanak, is the fifth largest world religion after Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism. It is a distinct, independent and monotheistic religion that is not a branch or blend of any other faith; and

**WHEREAS**, Sikhs have been in America for over 100 years, and there are 25 million Sikhs worldwide of which over 500,000 are in American and about 250,000 in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Asian American elected Congress was a Sikh named Dalip Singh Saund from the 29<sup>th</sup> California District; and

**WHEREAS**, the California State legislature passed Resolution No. 37 which declared November 2015 as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation month.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education does hereby recognize November 2015 as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Sacramento City Unified School District Board of Education on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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Darrel Woo  
President of the Board of Education

ATTESTED TO:

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José L. Banda  
Secretary of the Board of Education