
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PILEGGI, AUMENT, COSTA, DINNIMAN, MCGARRIGLE,
RAFFERTY, SCAVELLO, SMITH, VULAKOVICH AND WOZNIAK,
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INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, APRIL 13, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing April 14, 2015, as the observance of Vaisakhi in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Vaisakhi is a holiday observed by Sikhs throughout
4 the world, celebrating the spring harvest and commemorating the
5 1699 gathering at Anandpur Sahib in Punjab, India, when the
6 founding of the Sikh family of soldier saints known as Khalsa
7 Panth occurred; and

8 WHEREAS, The Sikh faith, which was established in the Punjab
9 region of India in the 1400s, persevered and expanded, with Guru
10 Gobind Singh founding the Khalsa Panth, a new order of Sikhism,
11 in 1699; and

12 WHEREAS, The Sikh people have a renowned military history
13 marked by gallantry and self-sacrifice that is epitomized by the
14 heroic last stand at the Battle of Saragarhi in 1897; and

15 WHEREAS, Today the Sikh people, who now number in the tens of
16 millions worldwide, including approximately 500 thousand in the
17 United States; and

1 WHEREAS, The Sikh people mark Vaisakhi with parades, dancing,
2 singing and other festivities; and

3 WHEREAS, The Sikh community of Pennsylvania, part of the rich
4 cultural fabric of this Commonwealth, makes many valuable
5 contributions as its members work in a variety of professions
6 and businesses and contribute to our local communities;
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize April 14, 2015, as the
9 observance of Vaisakhi in Pennsylvania.