

**Enrolled**  
**Senate Concurrent Resolution 7**

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON; Representative MITCHELL (Presession filed.)

Whereas Vaisakhi is an ancient festival of great significance in many regions of India that is celebrated annually, typically on April 14; and

Whereas Vaisakhi is a holiday that commemorates the creation of the Khalsa, a fellowship of devout Sikhs, by Guru Gobind Singh in 1699; and

Whereas Vaisakhi, in several parts of northern India, especially the Punjab region, is a long-established harvest festival to celebrate the agricultural year and pray for abundant “rabi” crops in the coming season; and

Whereas the Sikh celebration of Vaisakhi embodies an array of religious and cultural celebrations such as parades, dancing and singing throughout the day; and

Whereas an important component of Vaisakhi celebrations is the performance of “Seva,” or selfless service; and

Whereas Vaisakhi is celebrated in Sikh communities all over the world, including in the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States; and

Whereas the State of Oregon is grateful to the Sikh community for its ongoing contributions to the cultural fabric of our state; now, therefore,

**Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize the substantial contributions to the State of Oregon by the Sikh community; and be it further

Resolved, That we recognize April 14, 2019, as the Sikh American community’s celebration of Vaisakhi in Oregon, and we encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

Adopted by Senate March 4, 2019

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Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House April 8, 2019

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House