LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

October 20, 2026

APPROVED: DD:cj

Board Meeting – October 20, 2026

Item VI. Consent Calendar Recommendations

B. Adoption of Board Resolution No. 25 to Recognize November 2026 as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month

The Superintendent recommends that the County Board take action and approve Board Resolution No. 25 and declare November as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month and encourages education communities to observe this month with appropriate activities promoting awareness and appreciation of the Sikh community and their contributions to American culture and society.

Board Resolution No. 25 follows on the next page.

Next Steps:

LACOE will promote the Board Resolution and following resources:

- Send out LACOE Communication to the 80 districts to encourage districts, schools and community organizations to observe this day with appropriate programs and activities.
- Please visit LACOE's Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month resource webpage for additional information and instructional resources to support curriculum development and lesson planning across L.A. County's educational communities.
- Please visit LACOE's Center for History-Social Sciecne Education unit webpage for additional information, resources and professional learning opportunities designed to help L.A. County educators and district leaders build knowledge and strengthen instructional strategies to support their school communities.

BOARD RESOLUTION
NO. 25: 2026-27
Recognizing November 2026 as California Sikh American Awareness and Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, the California State legislature has designated November as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 25 million Sikhs throughout the world and approximately 700,000 Sikhs live in the United States. Approximately half the nation's Sikh population live in California; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs have been living in California for over 100 years. Sikh Americans are part of the American fabric, from coast to coast, working in every profession, serving in our armed forces, holding important positions in American political and civic life and even leading efforts to promote civil rights for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, the Sikh community of California has led a successful effort to pass AB1964, which provides workers in California the nation's strongest protections against religious discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs share basic values with Americans: the importance of equality, religious pluralism and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, many Sikh Americans continue to experience hate crimes, job discrimination, school bullying and racial profiling; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to raise awareness about the Sikh community and to prevent hate crimes and discriminatory practices against the Sikh community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles County Board of Education hereby declares November as Sikh Awareness and Appreciation Month and encourages education communities to observe this month with appropriate activities promoting awareness and appreciation of the Sikh community and their contributions to American culture and society.

ADOPTED this October 20, 2026, by the Los Angeles County Board of Education in Downey, California.

Debra Duardo, M.S.W., Ed.D.
Superintendent

Theresa Montaño, Ed.D.
Board President