

Senate Concurrent Resolution 7

Sponsored by Senator JOHNSON (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Recognizes April 14, 2019, as Sikh American community's celebration of Vaisakhi in Oregon.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

9 Whereas the Sikh celebration of Vaisakhi embodies an array of religious and cultural cele-
10 brations such as parades, dancing and singing throughout the day; and

11 Whereas an important component of Vaisakhi celebrations is the performance of "Seva," or
12 selfless service; and

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

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

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

18 That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, recognize the substantial contri-
19 butions to the State of Oregon by the Sikh community; and be it further

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

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.