
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 369 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY KEARNEY, TARTAGLIONE, HUGHES, STREET, HAYWOOD,
COSTA, CAPPELLETTI AND KANE, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating November 15, 2024, as "Guru Nanak Jayanti Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, November 15, 2024, is the 555th anniversary of the
4 birth of Guru Nanak, the founder of Sikhism; and

5 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is enriched by the diversity of its
6 residents, who have cultivated a climate of social tolerance and
7 intellectual pluralism that has sustained this Commonwealth
8 throughout its history; and

9 WHEREAS, The Sikh community, which originated in Punjab,
10 South Asia, and began immigrating to the United States more than
11 100 years ago, has played an important role in developing this
12 country and this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, Sikhism is the world's fifth-largest religion, with
14 nearly 30 million adherents, including roughly 1,000,000 in the
15 United States; and

16 WHEREAS, A holistic understanding of peace, supported by
17 ideas of equality and fraternity, is part of the Sikh tradition
18 and the very origin of Sikhism is linked to overcoming communal

1 hatred and divisions; and

2 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak, who lived from 1469 until 1539, was one
3 of the greatest religious innovators of all time, and his most
4 famous teaching is that there is only one God, named Truth, who
5 is eternal, formless and obtained only through His grace; and

6 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak preached to his followers to meditate and
7 remember God, earn their living by honest means and share with
8 the less fortunate; and

9 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak was an original spiritual thinker and
10 expressed his thoughts in extraordinary poetry that forms the
11 basis of Sikh scripture, Guru Granth Sahib; and

12 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak was Southeast Asia's Renaissance
13 reformer, and his teachings denounced the caste system and
14 taught that everyone is equal, regardless of caste, creed or
15 gender; and

16 WHEREAS, Guru Nanak's message was to recognize the entire
17 human race as one and he openly criticized caste and gender
18 inequalities, declaring that all men and women were equal;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate November 15, 2024, as
21 "Guru Nanak Jayanti Day" in Pennsylvania.