



# SIKH COUNCIL OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

'RECOGNIZE YE ALL THE HUMAN RACE AS ONE'  
*Guru Gobind Singh Ji*



## SIKH COUNCIL OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA RESOLUTION FOR GHADRITES MEMORIAL DAY

**WHEREAS:** The Indian Nationals started coming to the United states for higher education and economic opportunities in the beginning of the twentieth century and now there are an estimated 3,000,000 people of Indian origin in America forming an integral part of the social fabric of America; and

**WHEREAS:** The Indian Nationals formed the Hindi Association of the Pacific Coast in Astoria, Oregon, in 1913, popularly known as the Ghadar Party with a major objective to liberate India from the British colonialism and established its headquarter in San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS:** The association launched a magazine titled Ghadar to promote aims, objectives and activities of the organization and published over 5000 copies weekly for circulation; and

**WHEREAS:** 8000 overseas Indians returned to India in 1914 to fight for the independence of India from Great Britain and hundreds of Ghadarites died for the freedom of their home country, which was achieved in 1947, but also fought for the innate rights of the immigrant worker to lead a dignified and discrimination free life here in America; and

**WHEREAS:** The last Monday of May is observed annually in America as Memorial Day - a day of national awareness and reverence, honoring those Americans who died while defending American nation and its values and gave their all in service to their country; and

**WHEREAS:** Several other nations, pay tribute to their martyrs and freedom fighters and keep their memories alive by raising befitting memorials so that they could serve as a source of inspiration and courage for future generations; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** it is resolved, that we as in **the Sikh Council of Central California Fresno**, urge all Indian American community associations to organize tribute events on Memorial Day, to perpetuate the memory of the brave Ghadarites who sacrificed their all in pursuit of freedom for India.

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