



City Of Norwich

Mayors Office

Peter Albert Nystrom, Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, November 2020 marked the 36th year anniversary of the horrific anti-Sikh pogroms, which claimed the lives of thousands of Sikhs throughout India in the first week of November 1984; and

WHEREAS, Sikhs were beaten with iron rods; doused with kerosene; and set on fire; and Sikh women, many of whom lost their husbands, sons, and fathers during the pogroms, were gang raped and sexually assaulted by the attackers and Sikh homes, businesses, and houses of worship (Gurdwaras) were looted, damaged, and destroyed during the pogroms resulted in the intentional destruction of many Sikh families; and

WHEREAS, Eyewitnesses, journalists, and human rights activists have compiled evidence showing that government and law enforcement officials organized, participated in, and failed to intervene to prevent the killings through direct and indirect means ; and

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations throughout the world, recognizing the need for justice, continue to demand prosecution of those responsible for the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms; and

WHEREAS, We must remember those who lost their lives during the November 1984 anti-Sikh pogroms and massacre and recognize this as "Sikh Genocide 1984".

NOW THEREFORE, I, MAYOR PETER ALBERT NYSTROM AND NORWICH CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM, MARK BETTENCOURT, ON BEHALF OF THE NORWICH CITY COUNCIL AND THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF NORWICH, do hereby call on the residents of the City of Norwich to remember all who were lost and to work diligently to prevent such a massacre in the future.

Dated this Fifth Day of November, 2020

**Peter Albert Nystrom
Mayor**



**Mark Bettencourt
President Pro Tem**