
STATEMENT

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Office of the Premier

Premier's statement on Vaisakhi

VICTORIA – Premier David Eby has issued the following statement celebrating Vaisakhi:

“Today, Sikhs in B.C. join those around the world in celebrating Vaisakhi.

“One of the holiest days of the Sikh calendar, Vaisakhi commemorates the creation of the Khalsa and celebrates the spring harvest. People mark the occasion by gathering at gurdwaras, reading from the sacred scripture and enjoying community fairs and parades.

“B.C. is home to one of the largest Sikh communities and some of the largest Vaisakhi events outside of India, such as this past weekend’s parade in Vancouver and the upcoming parade in Surrey this coming Saturday. These rich cultural celebrations are open to people of all faiths and backgrounds, and are known for their welcoming atmosphere and delicious food.

“The mission of the Khalsa is to work toward degh tegh fateh – or food, freedom and victory – for everyone, regardless of faith or background. B.C.’s Sikh community exemplifies this spirit of service during Vaisakhi and every day through acts of seva, or selfless service to others.

“April is also Sikh Heritage Month, making this the perfect opportunity to learn more about the Sikh faith and reflect on the many contributions the Sikh community makes to our province.

“I wish a happy Vaisakhi to all who are celebrating.

“Vaisakhi Diyan Lakh Lakh Vadhaiyan!”

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