

WHEREAS, As a duly elected member of the Assembly of the State of New York, I am proud to recognize this 20th day of February in the year 2009 Interfaith Understanding Day in honor of His Holiness Baba Virsa Singh; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York, there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, command the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; and

WHEREAS, Baba Virsa Singh in his many visit to Central New York brought a vision of peace and social uplift. He always displayed a exemplary service to God, man, and the world community and was inspirational to all of those who had the opportunity to speak with him; and

WHEREAS, Baba Virsa Singh chose Upstate New York to establish Gobind Sadan USA, as the first center outside of India, which teaches the universal messages of all prophets and transforms people through love, faith, meditation and service. Further, the center, entirely staffed by volunteers, offers many programs that teach peace, overcoming poverty, anti-terrorism, and mental and spiritual religious fundamentalism; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Baba Virsa Singh's noble aims and accomplishments, Interfaith Understanding Day was established to foster interfaith understanding and harmony by focusing on the common beliefs and spiritual principles underlying all religions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that as a duly elected Member of the Assembly of the State of New York, pause in I hereby recognize this 20th day of February in the year 2009 as

Interfaith Understanding Day

In honor of his holiness Baba Virsa Singh.

In Witness Whereof, I Have Hereunto Set My Hand and Signature

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William A. Barclay Member of the Assembly 124th District