

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin is home to roughly 60,000 Hmong individuals, representing the country's third largest Hmong population; and

*WHEREAS*; Hmong people are originally from southern China and Southeast Asia, specifically Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and Myanmar; and

*WHEREAS*; thousands of Hmong people courageously fought alongside Americans during the Vietnam War, and many were ultimately forced to flee their native lands and resettle in communities throughout the United States, including in Wisconsin; and

*WHEREAS*; for decades, Hmong Americans have lived and worked in Wisconsin and have greatly contributed to the state's rich history, culture, economy, and public service; and

*WHEREAS*; recognized statewide since 2004, Hmong Heritage Month—formerly Hmong History Month—provides an opportunity to reflect on the many contributions and sacrifices that Hmong people have made in service to the country and to celebrate the vibrant, resilient, and diverse culture of Hmong Wisconsinites as an important part of the state's identity; and

*WHEREAS*; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in celebrating Hmong Heritage Month by embracing the power of diversity and honoring the countless contributions of Hmong individuals and communities to the historical, cultural, and economic fabric of the state, nation, and world;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

### HMONG HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 25th day of March 2026.

TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State