

WHEREAS; 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War, the Secret War in Laos, and the Fall of Phnom Penh in Cambodia in 1975, conflicts that significantly impacted the lives of millions in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS; in the aftermath of these events, a substantial number of individuals of diverse ethnicities from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam sought refuge and resettled in the United States, including in Wisconsin, enriching the state and nation with their diverse cultures, histories, and traditions; and

WHEREAS; Southeast Asian Americans have made countless contributions to the state’s rich history, culture, economy, and tradition of public service, and the vibrant and distinct cultures of Southeast Asian American communities in Wisconsin—from families who have lived in Wisconsin for generations to recent immigrants and refugees—are a fundamental part of the state’s identity; and

WHEREAS; this milestone anniversary affords Wisconsinites of all backgrounds the opportunity to come together, celebrate community, and honor the resilience, history, strength, and vibrancy of Wisconsin’s Southeast Asian American communities; and

WHEREAS; this month and throughout the year, the state of Wisconsin joins all Wisconsinites in recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Southeast Asian diaspora and celebrating the state’s vast and vibrant Southeast Asian American communities, leaders, veterans, and residents for their countless contributions to the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim  
May 2025 as

**50TH ANNIVERSARY TO HONOR  
THE RESILIENCE OF SOUTHEAST  
ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES**

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2025.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State