

WHEREAS; Hmong people are an ethnically and culturally diverse group of people 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, which is now home to our country's third largest Hmong population; and

WHEREAS; Hmong Americans have lived and worked in Wisconsin for more than four decades, and have greatly contributed to our 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 for all Wisconsinites to reflect on the many sacrifices that Hmong people have made in service to our country and to celebrate the vibrant, resilient, and diverse culture of Hmong Wisconsinites as an important part of our state's identity; and

WHEREAS; we recognize that this year's celebration comes at a time of increased racism and violence directed towards Asian American and Pacific Islander communities, and on this occasion, we reaffirm our commitment to working towards building a Wisconsin that is a more welcoming and inclusive place for all; 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 across our state, nation, and world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2022 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 11th day of March 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State