

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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; and

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

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin has the third largest Hmong population in the United States, and the vibrant and resilient culture of Hmong Wisconsinites is an important part of the state's identity; and

*WHEREAS*; the Hmong New Year has historically occurred following the harvest season to celebrate the conclusion of one year and the welcoming of the next and, in the United States, these celebrations enable Hmong Americans to strengthen social ties, maintain cultural identity, and pass on traditions to the next generation; and

*WHEREAS*; cultural celebrations like the Hmong New Year can also serve as learning opportunities that can help people of all backgrounds better understand one another and build a brighter, more inclusive future for everyone; and

*WHEREAS*; in recognition of the diversity within the Hmong communities across Wisconsin and nationwide, a specific Hmong New Year date is not observed, and instead, a Hmong New Year season is recognized; and

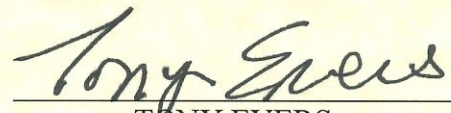
*WHEREAS*; on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the contributions of Hmong Wisconsinites to the historical, cultural, and economic fabric of the state and wishes a happy new year to all who celebrate;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September – December 2022 as the

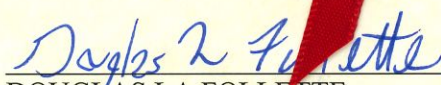
## HMONG NEW YEAR SEASON

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 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 2022.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State

