

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Hmong people migrated from southern China in the nineteenth century to Laos, Vietnam, and Thailand; and

WHEREAS, the Central Intelligence Agency recruited the Hmong agrarian community from the mountainous regions of northern Laos to fight for American interests during the Vietnam War, and thousands of Hmong people courageously fought alongside Americans during this "secret war"; and

WHEREAS, when Americans withdrew from Vietnam in the early 1970s, the Hmong people were left to face the revenge of the communist Lao and Vietnamese governments, who sought to punish the Hmong people in retaliation for their support of the United States; and

WHEREAS, General Vang Pao and other Hmong soldiers and people first fled Laos on May 14, 1975, to Thailand and later resettled in the United States, including Wisconsin, and other countries; and

WHEREAS, April is Hmong History Month, a time to reflect on the sacrifices the Hmong people selflessly made for the United States and an avenue to celebrate the robust culture they bring to the United States and Wisconsin; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2019 as

HMONG HISTORY MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 29th day of March 2019.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor



Douglas La Follette
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State