



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

- WHEREAS: May 14, 2015, marks the fortieth anniversary of the fall of Long Cheng airbase during the Laotian Civil War; and
- WHEREAS: Many Hmong refugees and their families immigrated to the United States, and today over 70,000 Hmong Americans are residents of Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: Like many immigrant groups before them, Hmong refugees resettled to the United States to escape war and persecution, to find opportunities, and to better their lives and the lives of their children; and
- WHEREAS: Hmong Americans are helping build a vibrant and diverse Minnesota, contributing socially, politically, and economically to our state.
- WHEREAS: It is right and proper to recognize and celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Hmong Americans in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 14, 2015, as:

HMONG AMERICAN DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 11th day of May.

Mark Dayton
GOVERNOR

Steve Pimm
SECRETARY OF STATE



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