



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Since its founding on August 11, 1992, the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has provided countless invaluable services to the more than 66,000 Hmong Americans residing in Minnesota; and
WHEREAS: Throughout the past twenty years, the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has assisted more than 2,000 in refugees navigating the naturalization process to obtain United States citizenship; and
WHEREAS: The Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has trained more than 500 children and young adults to play the Qeej instrument in Hmong funeral ceremonies, and instructed a similar number of community members in the oral recitation of traditional Hmong funeral and wedding songs; and
WHEREAS: Since 1999, the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has provided the community with the Hmong Resource Center Library, which is a unique collection of books, dissertations, and journal and newspaper articles recognized as the largest centralized collection of Hmong-related scholarly research in the United States; and
WHEREAS: The Hmong Cultural Center is a key resource for providing multicultural education in our community through important initiatives including the Hmong 101 speakers bureau and online classes; and
WHEREAS: Celebrating its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary, the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota continues to promote multicultural education in our communities with new initiatives, outreach projects, and educational programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, December 13, 2017, as:

HMONG CULTURAL CENTER 25TH ANNIVERSARY 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 16th day of November.

Mark Dayton GOVERNOR



Steve Pimmon SECRETARY OF STATE