



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: More than 80,000 Hmong Americans reside in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has provided continuous service to the Hmong and broader communities since its registration with the Minnesota Secretary of State on August 11, 1992; and
- WHEREAS: The Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has assisted more than 5,000 refugees and immigrants in navigating the U.S. naturalization process and obtaining U.S. citizenship; and
- WHEREAS: The Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota estimates it has trained more than 1,000 children and youth to play the Qeej instrument in Hmong funeral ceremonies and a similar number of community members in the oral recitation of traditional Hmong funeral and wedding songs; and
- WHEREAS: The Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota provides the community with the Hmong Resource Center Library, a unique collection of Hmong-related books, dissertations, journals, and newspaper articles, which has likely grown to become the largest centralized collection of Hmong-related scholarly research in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The Hmong Cultural Center is a key resource providing multicultural education in the community through important initiatives, including the Hmong 101 speaker's bureau and online classes; and
- WHEREAS: The Hmong Cultural Center provides the community with a unique storefront museum where visitors can learn about the history of the Hmong community in Minnesota and Hmong culture and history, as well as the Hmong folk art traditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, December 8, 2022, as:

HMONG CULTURAL CENTER 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 8th day of December.

Handwritten signature of Tim Walz in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Peggy Fluke in black ink.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR