



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: May 14, 2013, marks the thirty-eighth anniversary of the fall of Long Cheng, a United States-Hmong airbase in Laos during the Laotian Civil War; and

WHEREAS: Many Hmong refugees and their families immigrated to the United States, and today over 60,000 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. Today recognizes and celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of Hmong Americans in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 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 10th day of May.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR



Handwritten signature of Mark Ritchie in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE