

# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*, 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War, the Secret War in Laos, and the Fall of Phnom Penh in Cambodia in 1975, conflicts that significantly impacted the lives of millions in Southeast Asia; and

*WHEREAS*, thousands of Hmong people courageously fought alongside Americans during the Vietnam War, and in the aftermath of these events, many were ultimately forced to flee and resettle in communities across the United States, including Wisconsin, enriching the state and nation with their diverse cultures, histories, and traditions; and

*WHEREAS*, Wisconsin has the third largest Hmong population in the United States, and for five decades, Hmong Americans have lived and worked in Wisconsin, contributing to the state's rich history, culture, economy, and public service; and

*WHEREAS*, the Hmong New Year has historically occurred following the harvest season to celebrate the conclusion of one year and the welcoming of the next, and in the United States, these celebrations enable Hmong Americans to strengthen social ties, maintain cultural identity, and pass on traditions to the next generation; and

*WHEREAS*, cultural celebrations like the Hmong New Year also serve as learning opportunities that can help people of all backgrounds better understand one another and build a brighter, more inclusive future; and

*WHEREAS*, in recognition of the diversity within Hmong communities across Wisconsin and nationwide, a specific Hmong New Year date is not observed, but rather, a Hmong New Year season is recognized; and

*WHEREAS*, on this occasion, the state of Wisconsin celebrates the contributions of Hmong Wisconsinites to the historical, cultural, and economic fabric of the state and wishes all Hmong Wisconsinites a very happy new year;

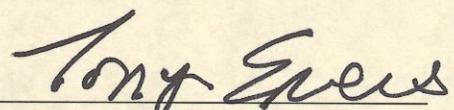
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim September – December 2025 as

## HMONG NEW YEAR SEASON

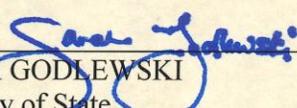
throughout the state of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.



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 21st day of November 2025.

  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
SARAH GODLEWSKI  
Secretary of State