



STATE *of* MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes Lao American artists for their local contributions to communities. As the third largest Lao-populated state, Minnesota recognizes the significance of the dedication and performance of these artists; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota has been the host to the National Lao American Writers Summit, the Legacies of War: Refugee Nation Twin Cities Festival, and the Sat Ja Dahm Lao Literary Project among many other exhibits, performances, and events organized by Lao Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Lao Minnesotan artists have created businesses, community organizations supported educators, encouraged civic participation, good citizenship and scholarship, and encouraged the voice and potential of all Minnesotans to build community together.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of August, 2019, as:

LAO AMERICAN ARTISTS HERITAGE MONTH

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 26th day of July.

GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE