



Sun Prairie Area
School District

Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF HMONG HERITAGE MONTH

WHEREAS, Hmong people are an ethnically and culturally diverse group of people originally from southern China and Southeast Asia, specifically Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and Myanmar; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Hmong people courageously fought alongside Americans during the Vietnam War, and many were ultimately forced to flee their native lands and resettle in communities throughout the United States, including in Wisconsin, which is now home to our country's third largest Hmong population; and

WHEREAS, Hmong Americans have lived and worked in Wisconsin for more than four decades, and have greatly contributed to our state's rich history, culture, economy, and public service; and

WHEREAS, recognized statewide since 2004, Hmong Heritage Month—formerly Hmong History Month—provides an opportunity for all Wisconsinites to reflect on the many sacrifices that Hmong people have made in service to our country and to celebrate the vibrant, resilient, and diverse culture of Hmong Wisconsinites as an important part of our state's identity; and

WHEREAS, many Hmong people are part of our community here in Sun Prairie as our neighbors, family members, friends, co-workers, business owners, students, and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the involvement of our Hmong students and families has contributed greatly to the diversity of culture in our state and public school system; and

WHEREAS, the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education, teachers, parents, and community members of the Sun Prairie Area School District are committed to a vision that “reflects the cultures of our diverse community” and a mission to “inspire and prepare every child, every day, by providing relevant, engaging and innovative learning experiences in and out of the classroom”; and

WHEREAS, we are committed as a District to educate, keep safe, honor, and love all of our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education proclaims April as Hmong Heritage Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sun Prairie Area School District Board of Education strongly encourages our staff and community members to observe, recognize, and celebrate the culture, heritage, and contributions of the Hmong people to our schools, communities, state, and country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Proclamation was duly passed by the Board of Education of the Sun Prairie Area School District on the 11th day of March 2024.



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on behalf of Board of Education

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