



State of Wisconsin  
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## 2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 40

April 20, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives BROSTOFF, EMERSON, SHANKLAND, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, BALDEH, BILLINGS, BOWEN, CABRERA, CONLEY, CONSIDINE, DOYLE, DRAKE, GOYKE, HEBL, HESSELBEIN, HINTZ, HONG, MCGUIRE, B. MEYERS, MILROY, MOORE OMOKUNDE, MOSES, MURPHY, L. MYERS, NEUBAUER, ORTIZ-VELEZ, POPE, S. RODRIGUEZ, SHELTON, SINICKI, SKOWRONSKI, SNODGRASS, SPREITZER, STUBBS, SUBECK, VINING, VRUWINK and OHNSTAD, cosponsored by Senators AGARD, BEWLEY, CARPENTER, ERPENBACH, JOHNSON, LARSON, PFAFF, RINGHAND, ROYS and SMITH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1     **Relating to:** proclaiming April as Hmong Heritage Month in Wisconsin.

2             Whereas, Hmong forces fought for and with U.S. armed forces during the  
3 Vietnam War; and

4             Whereas, the Hmong people faced danger and persecution following the  
5 Vietnam War; and

6             Whereas, the United States is now home to a sizable Hmong community, which  
7 took root as Hmong veterans and refugees sought asylum; and

8             Whereas, the Hmong people brought with them a rich culture with millennia  
9 of heritage, including distinct language, music, art, dance, cuisine, traditions, and  
10 more; and

11            Whereas, the third-largest population of Hmong people in the United States  
12 lives in Wisconsin; and

13            Whereas, Hmong Americans have lived, worked, and raised families in  
14 Wisconsin for nearly 50 years; and

Whereas, the Hmong people continue to overcome discrimination, linguistic and cultural barriers, and economic hardship as they play integral roles in education, industry, agriculture, public service, culture, and many other areas; and

Whereas, Hmong entrepreneurs operate businesses throughout Wisconsin, creating jobs, stimulating the economy, and providing products and services to Wisconsin communities; and

Whereas, Hmong Wisconsinites embrace the importance of family, history, and community as they preserve and teach others about their cultural traditions; and

Whereas, Hmong community organizations have provided valuable and culturally sensitive aid and resources to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, the Hmong community and culture are an invaluable part of the multicultural diversity of the state; and

Whereas, Hmong Heritage Month has been celebrated with events in April every year since 2004; and

Whereas, in a time of heightened violence and prejudice against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, it is especially important to recognize and celebrate the value and contributions of members of that community; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That* the Wisconsin Legislature hereby proclaims April as Hmong Heritage Month in the state of Wisconsin and officially commends the Hmong community for its contributions to the United States and to the state of Wisconsin.

**(END)**