



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Lao-American artists in Minnesota have contributed to the vibrancy of the arts in Minnesota communities, nationally, and internationally; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has the third-largest population of Lao-Americans in the country, and is home to internationally-recognized artists of Lao heritage who have shared their time, knowledge, and vision with the State; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Lao-American artists recognize the important role of the arts in positively transforming communities; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota has been host to the National Lao-American Symposium and Writers Summit, the Legacies of War: Refugee Nation Twin Cities Festival, and the SatJaDham Lao Literary Project among many other exhibits, performances, and cultural events organized by Lao-Americans in Minnesota over the last forty years; and
- WHEREAS: Lao-American artists in Minnesota have created thriving businesses, supported educators, encouraged civic participation, and inspired the potential of all Minnesotans to build a stronger community together.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2018, as:

LAO-AMERICAN ARTIST 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 10th day of August.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Steve Pimm in black ink.

SECRETARY OF STATE