



STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Since its founding on August 11, 1992, the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has provided countless invaluable services to the more than 66,000 Hmong Americans residing in Minnesota; and
- WHEREAS: The Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has assisted more than 2,000 refugees navigating the naturalization process to obtain United States citizenship throughout the past twenty years; and
- WHEREAS: The Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has trained more than 500 children and young adults to play the Qeej instrument in Hmong funeral ceremonies, and instructed a similar number of community members in the oral recitation of traditional Hmong funeral and wedding songs; and
- WHEREAS: Since 1999, the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has provided the community with the Hmong Resource Center Library, which is a unique collection of books, dissertations, and journal and newspaper articles recognized as the largest centralized collection of Hmong-related scholarly research in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota has shared its *Building Bridges: Teaching about the Hmong in Our Communities (Hmong 101)* curriculum with nearly 5,000 people since 2003; and
- WHEREAS: Celebrating its Twentieth Anniversary, the Hmong Cultural Center of Minnesota, continues to promote multicultural education in our communities with new initiatives, outreach projects, and educational programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim December 12, 2012 as:

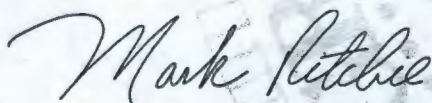
## HMONG CULTURAL CENTER DAY

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November.

  
GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

