

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 25-139

PROCLAIM MAY 6, 2025, AS HMONG)
AMERICAN DAY IN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO)

WHEREAS, the Hmong people have a rich history of resilience, courage, and perseverance, having played a vital role in supporting U.S. forces during the Secret War in Laos during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, following the end of the war on May 14, 1975, thousands of Hmong families were forced to leave their homeland, seeking refuge and new opportunities in countries around the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, fifty years ago, many Hmong families began their journey to the United States, ultimately finding a new home in communities like Fresno County, where they have established strong roots and contributed to the cultural, economic, and civic life of the region; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County has become home to one of the largest Hmong populations in the nation, and the Hmong community continues to play an essential role in enriching our county; and

WHEREAS, since the early 1990s, The Fresno Center has helped educate and connect a wide array of valuable resources to empower the Southeast Asian refugees, primarily in the Hmong community with self-sufficiency, economic viability, and empowerment through their transition to living in the United States, and organizations such as Special Guerrilla Units Veterans and Families of California, and Lao Veterans of America Institute honor the vital role of Hmong and Lao American veterans who served alongside U.S. forces during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Hmong Americans have excelled in various fields, including education, healthcare, entrepreneurship, public service, and the arts, strengthening communities across Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and honor the sacrifices made by Hmong veterans and their families, whose bravery and dedication to the ideals of freedom and democracy will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County values the traditions, history, and contributions of the Hmong people and remains committed to promoting inclusivity, understanding, and appreciation for their cultural heritage.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims May 6, 2025, as Hmong American Day, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Hmong migration to the United States, recognizing the rich legacy of the Hmong community, and encouraging all residents to take part in acknowledging their profound impact on our county and beyond.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 6th day of May 2025, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Bredefeld, Chavez, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

Ernest Buddy Mendes, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By
Deputy