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Legislation Text

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Proclaiming May 14, 2017 as Hmong American Day.

WHEREAS, May 14, 2017, marks the forty-second anniversary of the fall of Long Cheng, United States CIA airbase in Laos during the Secret War in Laos; and

WHEREAS, Many Hmong refugees and their families immigrated to the United States, and today over 80,000 Hmong Americans are residents of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, like many immigrant groups before them, Hmong refugees resettled to the United States to escape war and persecution, to find opportunities, and to better their lives and the lives of their children; and

WHEREAS, Hmong Americans are helping build a vibrant and diverse Saint Paul, contributing culturally, academically, socially, politically, and economically to our city; and

WHEREAS, MN Governor Mark Dayton proclaimed May 14, 2013 to be Hmong American Day in the state; and

WHEREAS, the Hmong American Day Planning Committee seeks to honor and celebrate Hmong American history and accomplishments by providing annual programming and activities to the entire community; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Saint Paul hereby proclaims May 14, 2017 as Hmong American Day, recognizing and celebrating the history, culture, and contributions of Hmong Americans in Minnesota and the City of Saint Paul.