

# ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Pang Lee Xiong, fighting for democracy and freedom as a soldier for the CIA during the Secret War in Laos, escaped the communist Pathet Lao Government to protect his young family and raise them in America, the land of hope and opportunity; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Pang Lee Xiong, never having received a formal education, worked two full-time jobs in Appleton to support his nine children as they pursued college and advanced degrees at Ivy League institutions and the top Liberal Arts colleges in the country, totaling nine BA/BS degrees, one MD, one JD, seven Master Degrees and one Ph.D. candidate; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Pang Lee Xiong is the father of Bon Xiong, the first Hmong American City Council member and County Supervisor in Wisconsin; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Pang Lee Xiong is the kindest, most generous, loving, hardworking, and dedicated husband to Chia Lee Xiong, father to two sons and seven daughters, grandfather of 32 grandchildren and father figure to countless orphaned Hmong children from the Secret War in Laos; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Pang Lee Xiong's generosity extends far beyond his own family through his efforts to support dozens of other Hmong refugee families by finding them housing, clothing, food, and public service programs; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Pang Lee Xiong worked for the Catholic Diocese for his entire career spanning from 1978 to 2016 to serve the church and provide for his large extended family; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Pang Lee Xiong interpreted for frightened and vulnerable Hmong-speaking patients during his service with Appleton Medical Center; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Pang Lee Xiong is a dedicated family-man, a faithful religious person, big-hearted and a charitable community member of Appleton for the past 38 years working hard to give back to the community that embraced and welcomed Hmong refugees from Laos; and

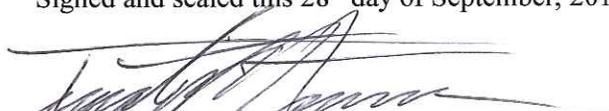
***WHEREAS***, Mr. Pang Lee Xiong symbolizes the tenacity to survive the trauma of war and displacement and the audacity to encourage his children to reach and obtain the American Dream.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA***, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin do hereby proclaim Wednesday, September 28, 2016 as

## ***PANG LEE XIONG DAY***

in Appleton and I urge all to congratulate him as we celebrate his well-deserved recognition.

Signed and sealed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

  
***TIMOTHY M. HANNA***  
***MAYOR OF APPLETON***

