

PROCLAMATION



Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, thousands of Hmong people courageously fought alongside Americans in the “secret war” in Laos during the Vietnam War, and many were ultimately forced to flee their native lands and resettle as political refugees in communities like ours; and

WHEREAS, Hmong Americans have lived and worked in Appleton for over 45 years, and have contributed to our community’s rich history, culture, economy, and public service; and

WHEREAS, the vibrant and resilient culture of Hmong Appletonians is an important part of our city’s identity; and

WHEREAS, the Hmong New Year has historically occurred following the harvest season to celebrate the conclusion of one year and the welcoming of a new year and, in the United States, New Year celebrations enable Hmong Americans to strengthen social ties and maintain cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, a specific Hmong New Year date is not observed and instead a Hmong New Year season is recognized; and

WHEREAS, this Hmong New Year season, the city of Appleton affirms its commitment to valuing cultural diversity and ensuring that Appleton is a welcoming and inclusive city for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September through December 2020 as the

Hmong New Year Season

in Appleton and commend this observance to all city residents.

Signed and sealed this 4th day of December 2020.




JACOB A. WOODFORD
MAYOR OF APPLETON