

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

## **2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 43**

May 12, 2023 – Introduced by Representatives SNYDER and SPIROS, cosponsored by Senator Tomczyk. Referred to Committee on Rules.

\*\*\*AUTHORS SUBJECT TO CHANGE\*\*\*

1	Relating to: commemorating Hmong-Lao Veterans Day and honoring the
2	Hmong-Lao veterans who served alongside the United States in the Vietnam
3	War.
4	Whereas, during the Vietnam War, the Central Intelligence Agency and U.S.
5	Armed Forces recruited, organized, trained, and assisted Hmong-Lao forces to
6	combat the North Vietnamese Army and Pathet Lao forces; and
7	Whereas, thousands of Hmong-Lao people courageously fought alongside
8	Americans throughout the Vietnam War and, facing harsh retribution from the
9	Vietnamese and Lao governments following the war's end, many were ultimately
10	forced to flee their homes; and
11	Whereas, on May 14, 1975, the last of the Hmong-Lao soldiers and their
12	families fled Laos for the Nam Phong refugee camp in Thailand to later resettle in
13	communities throughout the United States, including Wisconsin, and today, our
14	state is home to a significant number of Hmong-Lao veterans; and

1	Whereas, in accordance with 2021 Wisconsin Act 31, May 14 of every year is
2	designated as a day to thank Hmong-Lao veterans in Wisconsin for their service and
3	sacrifice, recall their accomplishments, and encourage schools to include their
4	military service in discussions and curriculums surrounding the Vietnam War; and
5	Whereas, the Wisconsin Lao Veterans of America (WLVA) has established
6	chapters throughout our state to serve local communities and educate the public
7	about the contributions of our Hmong-Lao veterans during the Vietnam War; and
8	Whereas, today, the state of Wisconsin joins the WLVA and all Wisconsinites in
9	reflecting on the tremendous, and too often overlooked, heroism and sacrifice of
10	Hmong-Lao veterans in our state; now, therefore, be it
11	<b>Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That</b> the members of the
12	Wisconsin Legislature recognize May 14, 2023, as Hmong-Lao Veterans Day and pay
13	tribute to those Hmong-Lao veterans who honorably and bravely served alongside
14	the United States in the Vietnam War.
15	(END)