

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HMONG COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin and Dane County has a rich history of opening its doors to people of all backgrounds and experiences; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin is the proud home of nearly 50,000 Hmong people which is one-fifth of Hmong people living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, many Hmong people living in Wisconsin came here as refugees seeking asylum after fighting alongside our soldiers during the Vietnam war; and

WHEREAS, Hmong people are part of the Dane County community as neighbors, family members, friends, co-workers, business owners, students, and veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Dane County Board of Supervisors proudly stand by all residents of Dane County; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the values of our diverse community and are inclusive of all of our community members of all races, ethnicities, faiths, national origins, immigration statuses, political viewpoints, abilities, sexual orientation, and gender identities; and

WHEREAS, a recent proposal by the current Presidential administration seeks to deport certain longtime Hmong residents of the United States, which could impact up to 4,500 Hmong people nationwide; and

WHEREAS, these proposals have sowed fear into Hmong communities across Wisconsin, including Dane County; and

WHEREAS, numerous community leaders, and local and national elected officials have called on the administration to reconsider this proposal and have expressed their opposition to any agreement that results in the deportation of Hmong people living in Wisconsin and the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors reaffirms its support of all members of the Hmong community living here in the United States, State of Wisconsin, and especially in Dane County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we strongly urge the reconsideration of any proposal that would result in the deportation of any members of our Hmong community.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of the Dane County legislative delegation, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, and the President of the United States.