



Resolution

of the City Council

Honoring Hmong Cultural Arts

WHEREAS, the Hmong Cultural Arts (HCA) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, whose mission is to transfer the skills of an older generation to a younger one in order to preserve the Hmong traditional embroideries, music and folk dances, and to share that heritage with everyone; and

WHEREAS, Hmong Cultural Arts was awarded a \$24,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) to be used as matching funds for the Cultural Arts Award received from the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, HCA participation at public festivals leads to increased awareness of the value and importance of Hmong folk dance, musical instruments, and stitchery among the mainstream community that reflects the many cultural groups that make up our nation; and

WHEREAS, four of the HCA graduate Kheng students have become master Kheng artists who are sought daily by the Hmong community in Sacramento to perform traditional ritual ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, HCA shares their culture with mainstream Americans by participating at 11 to 14 festivals yearly and providing quality Pa Dao embroidery teaching and demonstration and folk dance performances that involve diverse communities; and

WHEREAS, HCA is working in partnership with Lee Families Association to host an annual student graduation event to support and encourage young students to learn their cultural traditions, stay in school and reduce dropout and truancy encountered by Hmong youths.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby congratulate the Hmong Cultural Arts community and do hereby extend our best wishes for continued success in all their future endeavors.

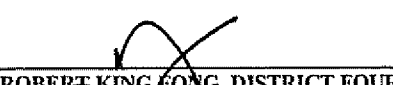
ISSUED: This 6th Day of December 2005.


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