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Wisconsin for nearly 50 years; and

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2021 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 40

April 20, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives Brostoff, Emerson, Shankland, Anderson, Andraca, Baldeh, Billings, Bowen, Cabrera, Conley, Considine, Doyle, Drake, Goyke, Hebl, Hesselbein, Hintz, Hong, McGuire, B. Meyers, Milroy, Moore Omokunde, Moses, Murphy, L. Myers, Neubauer, Ortiz-Velez, Pope, S. Rodriguez, Shelton, Sinicki, Skowronski, Snodgrass, Spreitzer, Stubbs, Subeck, Vining, Vruwink and Ohnstad, cosponsored by Senators Agard, Bewley, Carpenter, Erpenbach, Johnson, Larson, Pfaff, Ringhand, Roys and Smith. Referred to Committee on Rules.

T	Relating to: proclaiming April as Hmong Heritage Month in Wisconsin.
2	Whereas, Hmong forces fought for and with U.S. armed forces during the
3	Vietnam War; and
4	Whereas, the Hmong people faced danger and persecution following the
5	Vietnam War; and
6	Whereas, the United States is now home to a sizable Hmong community, which
7	took root as Hmong veterans and refugees sought asylum; and
8	Whereas, the Hmong people brought with them a rich culture with millennia
9	of heritage, including distinct language, music, art, dance, cuisine, traditions, and
10	more; and
11	Whereas, the third-largest population of Hmong people in the United States
12	lives in Wisconsin; and
13	Whereas, Hmong Americans have lived, worked, and raised families in

Whereas, the Hmong people continue to overcome discrimination, linguistic
and cultural barriers, and economic hardship as they play integral roles in
education, industry, agriculture, public service, culture, and many other areas; and
Whereas, Hmong entrepreneurs operate businesses throughout Wisconsin,
creating jobs, stimulating the economy, and providing products and services to
Wisconsin communities; and
Whereas, Hmong Wisconsinites embrace the importance of family, history, and
community as they preserve and teach others about their cultural traditions; and
Whereas, Hmong community organizations have provided valuable and
culturally sensitive aid and resources to those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic;
and
Whereas, the Hmong community and culture are an invaluable part of the
multicultural diversity of the state; and
Whereas, Hmong Heritage Month has been celebrated with events in April
every year since 2004; and
Whereas, in a time of heightened violence and prejudice against the Asian
American and Pacific Islander community, it is especially important to recognize and
celebrate the value and contributions of members of that community; now, therefore,
be it
Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
Legislature hereby proclaims April as Hmong Heritage Month in the state of
Wisconsin and officially commends the Hmong community for its contributions to the
United States and to the state of Wisconsin.

(END)