

ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 71, 2021-2022

WHEREAS, May 14, 2022, marks the forty-seventh anniversary of the fall of Long Cheng, a United States-Hmong airbase in Laos during the Laotian Civil War where the Hmong allied with the United States fought together in Laos against the North Vietnamese, also known as the Secret War from 1961-1975; and

WHEREAS, approximately 30,000-40,000 Hmong soldiers were killed during the Secret War, that included many Hmong soldiers who were under 18 years old, the United States helped Hmong refugees flee to Thailand on May 14, 1975 and more than 100,000 Hmong refugees to come to the United States starting in December, 1975; and

WHEREAS, **May 14 (Hmong American Day)** is a time to remember and honor Hmong people's history, stories, and contributions in the Vietnam War, May 14, 1975, was the last airlift evacuation of Hmong soldiers and families from Laos to a refugee camp in Thailand; and

WHEREAS, Many Hmong refugees and their families immigrated to the United States, and today over 40,000 of the more than 325,000 Hmong Americans are residents of Sacramento County; and

WHEREAS, Like many immigrant groups before them, Hmong refugees resettled to the United States to escape war and persecution, to find opportunities and to better their lives and the lives of their children; and

WHEREAS, Hmong Americans are helping build a vibrant and diverse California, contributing socially, politically, and economically to our State, many of the Hmong have become America's success stories from having nothing to becoming teachers, engineers, nurses, doctors, lawyers, professional athletes, fire fighters, soldiers, elected officials and more. Today recognizes and celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of Hmong Americans in California.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elk Grove Unified School District Board of Education, do hereby recognize May 14, 2022, as:

HMONG AMERICAN DAY

Christopher R. Hoffman
Secretary to the Board of Education
Elk Grove Unified School District

Date: May 3, 2022