

# U.S. Rep. Grothman: Honors Hmong New Year

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(Washington, D.C.) – Today, Congressman Glenn Grothman (R-Glenbeulah) introduced a bipartisan resolution with Representatives Mark Pocan (WI-02), Gwen Moore (WI-04), Betty McCollum (MN-04), Sean Duffy (WI-07), Mike Gallagher (WI-08) and Juan Vargas (CA-51) recognizing the cultural and historical significance of the Hmong New Year.

“I am privileged to represent one of Wisconsin’s largest Hmong communities. Each year I attend the New Year celebrations in my district,” said Congressman Grothman. “These celebrations of thanksgiving are an honor to attend – the food, music and dance make these festivals truly special events. I am glad that both sides of the aisle have come together to recognize Hmong Americans’ significant role in our communities and their pursuit of the American Dream.”

Congressman Pocan added, “I am proud to support this resolution and to honor Hmong Americans in Wisconsin and across the country. Hmong New Year celebrations have become an important part of our local culture and I welcome the opportunity to recognize this valuable tradition.”

The Hmong New Year is traditionally celebrated at the end of the rice harvest season in Laos and Southeast Asia in late November and early December. In the United States, the Hmong New Year traditions have carried over, occurring from October through December, and have become significant celebrations for Hmong Americans and many others.