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**2021 Wisconsin Act 31**  
[2021 Assembly Bill 154]

**Hmong-Lao Veterans Day**

### 2021 WISCONSIN ACT 31

Act 31 designates May 14 as Hmong-Lao Veterans Day and requires the Governor to annually issue a proclamation for the observance of Hmong-Lao Veterans Day, ordering the flags at the State Capitol building to be flown at half-staff, requesting that some portion of the day be used to recall the veterans' accomplishments and to thank those veterans for their service during that war, and encouraging schools to discuss Hmong military service in support of the U.S. Armed Forces.

The act provides that the purpose of Hmong-Lao Veterans Day is to recognize Southeast Asians, Americans, and their allies who served, suffered, sacrificed, or died in the Secret War in Laos during the Vietnam War in support of the U.S. Armed Forces, and to recognize May 14, 1975, as the last day of airlift evacuation of officers and their families from the covert headquarters in Long Tieng, Laos, to the Nam Phong refugee camp in Thailand.

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