

Office of the Mayor  
City of Sheboygan

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** Xia Vue Yang founded Hmong Sheboygan Radio in 1982 with a local and private radio station called WKTS 950 AM; he has served as the DJ since the very first broadcast. The Hmong population in Sheboygan was about 800 people, 65% were under 18 years old; and
- WHEREAS,** John Kenneth, a good friend of the Hmong Refugee communities, who worked at the Sheboygan Area School District came up with the idea that became “the rest of the story” known as Suab Hmoob Sheboygan WSHS 91.7 FM. On September 23, 1983 Hmong Sheboygan Radio moved to the public station located at North High School and began broadcasting a weekly program. WSHS joined with Wisconsin Public Radio (WPR) in 2000; and
- WHEREAS,** Since 2000 broadcasts have also been on [www.suabhmoobsheboygan.com](http://www.suabhmoobsheboygan.com), which has reached many Hmong living across the United States and beyond; and
- WHEREAS,** Hmong Association staff, Hmong professionals and volunteers, and North and South High School students were often involved in the weekly programs to make them lively and interesting. Local, State, National, and International guest speakers were invited regularly to entertain and educate listeners in various topics. Hmong culture, traditional leadership, lifestyles, healthcare practices, and technology were popular topics; and
- WHEREAS,** After 36 years of broadcasting, Vue has dedicated the past three months to searching for volunteers to take the reins, but no successors have stepped forward. Vue is retiring and stated that August 29, 2019 will be the final broadcast of Hmong Sheboygan Radio; and
- NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mike Vandersteen, Mayor of the City of Sheboygan, do hereby proclaim August 29, 2019 as

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in the City of Sheboygan, and I extend our deepest appreciation to him as well as all of the people who volunteered their time and talents to Hmong Sheboygan Radio.

IN TESTIMONY THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of Sheboygan to be affixed. Done this twenty-eighth day of August, in the year of our Lord, two thousand nineteen.



**MAYOR MIKE VANDERSTEEN**

