



Resolution Honoring Cambodian Americans in Oregon

HCR 17

What this resolution does:

- Honors Cambodian Americans who live in Oregon and the U.S.
- Recognizes the lives lost in the Cambodian Genocide and war and conflict in the area.

History of Cambodian Genocide and Resettlement:

- During the conflicts southeast Asia in the late 60s/early 70s, the Cambodian genocide resulted in the death of almost a quarter of the Cambodian population.
- The United States withdrew from Cambodia in Operation Eagle Pull on April 12, 1975.
- The Khmer Rouge seized control of Cambodia on April 17, 1975, which marked the beginning of the Cambodian genocide in which approximately two million people were killed.
- In the aftermath of the conflict, between 1975 and 1979, hundreds of thousands of Cambodian and other Southeast Asian refugees and immigrants resettled to the US, which resulted in the passage of the Refugee Act of 1980.
- Now people of Cambodian heritage live and work in Oregon, contributing to the rich history and cultural tapestry of the state.

Why now?

- This year, 2025 is the 50th anniversary of the Khmer Rouge seizing control of Cambodia and the beginning of the Cambodian Genocide.
- The Cambodian Genocide is a living conflict for the survivors living in Oregon today, and we must honor their continued resilience and strength.

Resources

[Legacies of War Special Report: Lighting New Legacies](#)

[Kiernan, 1989-The American Bombardment of Kampuchea.pdf](#)

[Cambodian Population by State 2024](#)

Photos:

[Sala 1982](#)

[Cambodia - Travel Beyond](#)

[The Killing Fields of Cambodia: Bear Witness at Tuol Sleng and Choeung Ek | Sidewalk Safari | Part-time Travel Blog](#)