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The Zomi are one of the ethnic minorities living in the north western part of Burma in Chin State bordering with India and Bangladesh. Zomi have been coming to United State of America primarily in the last five years from refugee camps in Thailand, Malaysia and India, due to over fifty years of human rights abuses, religious and racial persecution in their homeland of Burma. Portland has become home to a growing number of Zomi refugees. As the Zomi community grows there is a great need for culturally appropriate programs such as preserving Zomi language and heritage.

Zomi Association of USA exists to help build Zomi community by strengthening Zomi immigrants and refugees through community development. Its mission is serving and assists families and individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and also associate with other community organization on issues of mutual interest, regardless of their ethnic background or national origin.

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