

RESOLUTION

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Supporting the people of Somalia and condemning the attacks in Mogadishu.

Whereas, the horrific act of terrorism in Mogadishu, Somalia on October 14 has resulted in the deaths of over 300 people and the injury of hundreds more; and

Whereas, the attack has affected the Somali diaspora who is now grieving the loss of life, many of whom are still unable to contact loved ones, and has galvanized the international community who mourns with them; and

Whereas, Minnesota has the second highest Somali population in the world after Somalia with an estimated 35,000 residents with the highest concentration in Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Minneapolis has benefited greatly from the cultural, economic, artistic, and social contributions of the Somali community; and

Whereas, Somalis in Minnesota have significant political, economic, and cultural presence with \$500 million in buying power and pay \$75 million in local and state taxes annually; and

Whereas, many of our Somali residents have strong ties to family, friends, and business relationships in Somalia; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis entered into a historic Sister City relationship with the City of Bosaso in 2014 making Minneapolis the first city in the United States to forge such a bond with a city in Somalia; and

Whereas, several countries including Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States have delivered needed medical and humanitarian supplies and assistance to Mogadishu; and

Whereas, the United Nations, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States, the African Union, and the United Nations have strongly condemned the terror attack that targeted innocent men, women, and children;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis condemns the horrific bombing in Somalia, supports the victims and their families, and will work with our broader Somali community to coordinate support and

resources to address this tragedy experienced in Somalia and by families throughout the City of Minneapolis and State of Minnesota.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis recommends that the United States government increase aid to assist in the humanitarian efforts and permit remittances to Somalia.

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis urges the President to rescind the travel ban to and from Somalia as it is an inhumane restriction, especially while the country is dealing with a humanitarian crisis.