



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Warsame, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

Declaring the 1st day of July “Somali American Day” in the City of Minneapolis

Whereas, the independence day of Somalia is a national holiday observed annually in Somalia and the Diaspora worldwide on the 1st of July; and

Whereas, many Somali refugees and their families immigrated to the United States, and today Somali Americans are one of the fastest growing immigrant groups in Minneapolis; and

Whereas, like many immigrant groups before them, Somali Americans sought shelter to the United States to escape war and persecution, to find opportunities, and to better their lives and the lives of their children; and

Whereas, Somali Americans play an integral role in building a vibrant and diverse Minneapolis, contributing socially, culturally, politically, and economically to our city; and

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

That the 1st of July every year be and hereby is declared “Somali American Day” in the City of Minneapolis. In making this declaration, the City recognizes and celebrates the history, culture, and contributions of Somali Americans in Minneapolis; and

Be It Further Resolved that the 35W Bridge shall be lit light blue and white July 1, 2017, in honor of Somali American Day.

Passed, June 16, 2017

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk