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To Celebrate Somalia's Independence Day and Recognize the Raising of the Somali Flag at the Ohio Statehouse

WHEREAS, Somalia’s Independence Day is celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, commemorating the unification of the Trust Territory of Somaliland and the State of Somaliland into the Somali Republic on July 1<sup>st</sup> of 1960; and

WHEREAS, on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the strength of the Somali people despite the brutality of European colonization is recognized and celebrated among Somali communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is proud to be home to the second-largest Somali community in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Somali community of Columbus has contributed immensely to the culture and diversity of the City of Columbus; and

WHEREAS, the Somali flag, composed of a single white five-pointed star on a cyan field, represents both the nation of Somalia and the millions of Somali people who live outside of Somalia; and

WHEREAS, on July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023, the Somali flag will be raised outside of the Ohio Statehouse to recognize Somalia’s Independence Day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus will also be celebrating Somalia’s Independence Day and recognizing the tremendous

impact that Somali people have had on Central Ohio; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council celebrates Somalia's Independence Day and recognizing the raising of the Somali flag at the Ohio Statehouse