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To Celebrate and Honor the Contributions of Kawther Musa to her Community and the City of Columbus

WHEREAS, Ms. Kawther Musa earned her Master’s Degree in Health Science, and is a registered Community Health worker within the State of Ohio, having previously worked with the CelebrateOne Community Connector; and,

WHEREAS, in 2018, Ms. Kawther Musa was accepted as a Nisonger Center Diversity Fellow at The Ohio State University, and worked as a research assistance with Ohio State’s Somali Integration USA; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to her career within public health, Ms. Musa has also acted as a community activist, leading the organizing efforts for Somali National Day in 2018 and fundraising for those who lost loved ones due to the Sobe bombing in Mogadishu, Somalia and for flood victims in Qardho, Somalia ; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Musa has also volunteered for the past five years as a community lay-leader for Islamic Trauma Healing, a mental health intervention program for Somali refugees, as a partnership with Case Western Reserve University; and,

WHEREAS, for her contributions to the community, Ms. Musa has been recognized by the Somali American Official’s, receiving the Community Champion Award in 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Musa also serves as a Commissioner for the City of Columbus’s Northeast Area Commission, having used her role to advocate on behalf of residents especially involving issues of tenant protections, including efforts to ensure that Section 8 vouchers would be accepted by landlords within the community; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Musa played a key role in understanding the linkages between COVID-19 and the Somalian American community, publishing an article titled, “Local to Global: Somali perspective’s on faith, community, and resilience in response to COVID-19,” in the American Psychological Associations journal; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Musa's contributions to the City of Columbus have been immeasurable, and her work has touched the lives of a number of Columbus residents; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby celebrates the legacy of Ms. Kawther Musa and extends its gratitude for her contributions to the City of Columbus;