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**Title:** To Recognize and Celebrate July 1st as the Independence Day of Somalia in the City of Columbus.

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To Recognize and Celebrate July 1<sup>st</sup> as the Independence Day of Somalia in the City of Columbus.

**WHEREAS**, the Independence Day of Somalia is a national holiday observed annually in Somalia on July 1st; and

**WHEREAS**, the date celebrates the unification of the Trust Territory of Somalia (former Italian Somalia) and the State of Somaliland on July 1, 1960 which formed the Somali Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a day that honors the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Somalis worldwide, and inspires a sense of gratitude and patriotism; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Columbus has proudly welcomed an estimated 60,000 Somali migrants, forming the second largest Somali population in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Somali community has undertaken great entrepreneurial spirit, not only to create economic opportunities for Columbus, but also to strengthen the cultural fabric; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does hereby recognize and celebrate July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 as the Independence Day of Somalia in the City of Columbus.