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To Recognize and Celebrate July 1st, 2019 as Somali Independence Day in the City of Columbus.

WHEREAS, July 1st marks the national Independence Day of Somalia, observed annually in Somalia and the Somali Diaspora around the world; and

WHEREAS, it is a day that celebrates the Somali Republic dating back to July 1st, 1960 when the Trust Territory of Somaliland under Great Britain and Greater Somalia united to form one country; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus is home to one of the largest and fastest growing Somali communities in the world; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated at least 60,000 Somali immigrants and refugees live in Central Ohio and the City of Columbus, with an estimated 200 Somali immigrants per month arriving in the region; and

WHEREAS, like many immigrant communities before them, Somali Americans have made their journey to the United States seeking a better life but to also add to the diversity and vitality of our American family; and

WHEREAS, the Somali American community is vital to building the strength and diversity of Columbus, a truly All-American City; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: That this Council does hereby Recognize and Celebrate July 1st, 2019 as Somali Independence Day, with the people of Somalia and Somali Americans here in the City of Columbus.