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To Recognize and Celebrate July 1 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 and the State of Somaliland united to form one country; 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 to work for the opportunity to create a better life for themselves and their families; 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 THIS COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:** That this Council does recognize and celebrate July 1, 2022, Somali Independence Day, with the people of Somalia and Somali Americans here in the City of Columbus.