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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JULY 1, 2023, AS
SOMALI INDEPENDENCE DAY

WHEREAS, The Somali people have a rich and vibrant history, marked by their struggle for independence and the establishment of the Somali Republic whereby the Somali Republic was formed on July 1, 1960, as a unification of the Trust Territory of Italian Somaliland and British Somaliland; *and*

WHEREAS, The Independence Day of Somalia is a national holiday observed annually in Somalia, and the diaspora worldwide, on the 1st of July as a representation of their significant milestone, and symbolizing their sovereignty and self-determination; *and*

WHEREAS, The celebration of Somali independence uplifts the patience, resilience, and determination of the Somali people and provides an opportunity to celebrate their cultural heritage, traditions, and achievements, fostering a sense of unity and pride; *and*

WHEREAS, The Somali community in Boston is part of the fabric of this city, with many community organizations, businesses, and cultural centers throughout; *and*

WHEREAS, Similar to many immigrant groups before them, Somali Americans sought shelter in Boston to escape war and persecution, to find opportunities, and to better their lives and the lives of their children; *and*

WHEREAS, Somalis in Boston contribute to a vibrant and diverse city with a rich culture, distinctive art, food, and important traditions; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the City of Boston recognize the Somali community and their valuable contributions to Boston, enriching the lives of citizens throughout with their diverse perspectives, talents, and accomplishments on July 1, 2023, as Somali Independence Day.