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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JULY 1, 2022 AS
SOMALI INDEPENDENCE DAY

- WHEREAS,** 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; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The celebration of Somali independence uplifts the patience, resilience, and determination of the Somali people under colonial rule and oppression; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Somali community in Boston is an active one, with many community organizations and small businesses, and cultural centers throughout; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Many Somali refugees and their families immigrated to the United States, and Boston is home to a sizable Somali diaspora; *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 play an integral role in building a vibrant and diverse Boston, contributing socially, culturally, politically, and economically to the city; *and*
- WHEREAS,** This day is an opportunity to celebrate the rich culture, distinctive art, food, and important traditions of Somali people; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***
- RESOLVED:** That the City of Boston recognize and celebrate the history, culture, and contributions of Somali Americans on July 1, 2022 as Somali Independence Day.

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