

THE CITY OF FARGO

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Somali Independence Day, observed annually on July 1st, symbolizes the sovereignty and self-determination of Somalia and is celebrated both in Somalia and globally by the Somali diaspora; and

WHEREAS, The Somali Republic was established on July 1, 1960, through the unification of the Trust Territory of Italian Somaliland and British Somaliland, marking a pivotal moment in the Somali people's vibrant history and their quest for independence; and

WHEREAS, Similar to many immigrant groups, Somali Americans sought refuge in Fargo, North Dakota, beginning in the 1990s to escape war and persecution, striving to find opportunities to better their lives and those of their children; and

WHEREAS, Somali Americans have since become a vital part of our community, contributing significantly through their businesses, cultural centers, community organizations and as integral members of our city's workforce; and

WHEREAS, The City of Fargo recognizes the importance of diversity and cultural enrichment brought by the Somali-American community, which strengthens our social fabric and enhances the collective prosperity and vibrancy of our city; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of this rich heritage and the significant contributions of the Somali-American community, June 28th has been proclaimed as Somali Heritage Day, a day dedicated to celebrating the culture, history and achievements of the Somali people in Fargo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney, Mayor of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 28, 2024 to be

SOMALI HERITAGE DAY

in the City of Fargo and encourage all citizens to participate in its observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of The City of Fargo, North Dakota to be affixed this 28th day of June, 2024.



Dr. Timothy J. Mahoney

Mayor

Fargo, North Dakota