



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: The Federal Republic of Somalia gained its independence from British and Italian control on July 1, 1960; and
- WHEREAS: Soomaaliyeey Toosoo, Somalia Wake Up, is Somalia's national anthem with poetic lyrics that highlight values of unity, resiliency, and optimism; and
- WHEREAS: More than half a century later, many Somalis have immigrated to the United States with about 43,000 Somali-Americans making Minnesota their home; and
- WHEREAS: Like many Americans, Somali-Americans have come to the United States to escape war and conflict, to embrace freedom, and to find opportunities, education, and better lives for themselves and their children; and
- WHEREAS: Somali-Americans are helping build a vibrant and diverse Minnesota, and contribute socially and economically by sharing their culture and traditions; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota joins the Somali-American Community in the celebration of the Independence Day of Somalia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
Wednesday, July 1, 2015, as:

SOMALIA INDEPENDENCE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol
this 4th day of June.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE