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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Payne	X			
Osman	X			
Chughtai	X			
Wonsley	X			
Rainville	X			
Vetaw	X			
Warren	X			
Shaffer	X			
Stevenson	X			
Chavez	X			
Whiting				X
Chowdhury	X			
Palmisano				X

MAYOR ACTION

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MAYOR

JUN 30 2026

DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Presented to Mayor: JUN 26 2026

Received from Mayor: JUN 30 2026

Recognizing the 2026 Somali Week Festival.

Whereas, the Somali Week Festival is a vibrant celebration of Somali culture, heritage, and community, recognized as the largest event of its kind outside of Somalia, drawing thousands of participants to Minneapolis each year; and

Whereas, this festival marks a significant occasion for the Somali diaspora, providing an opportunity to celebrate Somali Independence Day, reflecting on the history, struggles, and triumphs of Somalia since its independence on July 1, 1960; and

Whereas, the Somali Week Festival showcases Somali art, music, dance, fashion, and cuisine, fostering greater understanding and appreciation of Somali culture among all residents of Minneapolis and promoting multiculturalism and unity; and

Whereas, the mission of Somali Week is to promote cross-cultural exchange and deepen the community's understanding of the rich cultural heritage and significant contributions of the Somali American community; and

Whereas, the Somali Week Festival aligns with Minneapolis's values of diversity, inclusion, and community celebration, reinforcing the city's commitment to recognizing and honoring the rich tapestry of cultures that constitute its population; and

Whereas, Minneapolis is home to one of the largest Somali communities in North America, whose presence has enriched the cultural, economic, civic, and social life of our city for decades; and

Whereas, the Somali community, through its resilience, leadership, and vibrant cultural expressions, continues to inspire and contribute to the ongoing story of Minneapolis, enriching our city through its culture, entrepreneurship, and civic engagement; and

Whereas, the Somali American community has demonstrated extraordinary resilience, unity, and strength, continuing to celebrate its heritage, support one another, and contribute to the civic, economic, and social life of Minneapolis during a period that tested many immigrant and refugee communities; and

Whereas, Somali Americans continue to help shape the future of Minneapolis through entrepreneurship, public service, education, healthcare, arts, philanthropy, and civic leadership, helping build a stronger city for future generations; and

Whereas, Minneapolis is strengthened by the relationships built among neighbors from many cultures and backgrounds, demonstrating that our diversity remains one of our greatest sources of strength, belonging, and shared prosperity; and

Whereas, through the leadership of community organizers, volunteers, artists, businesses, cultural institutions, and community partners, the Somali Week Festival has grown into a city-wide celebration that welcomes participation from residents and visitors across Minnesota and beyond, fostering broader connections and relationships;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognize the Somali Week Festival 2026 as a significant cultural event in Minneapolis, celebrating the Somali community's resilience and contributions to our city and promoting the values of diversity, inclusion, and cross-cultural understanding; and further, that July 1, 2026, be recognized as "Somali Culture Day" in the City of Minneapolis, acknowledging the enduring spirit, leadership, and cultural richness of the Somali community.