

STATE *of* MINNESOTA

WHEREAS: The Somali American community in Minnesota is the largest population of Somali Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Somali Americans enrich our state and are helping build a more vibrant and diverse Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Somali Americans contribute socially and economically to our state by sharing their time, talents, culture, and traditions; 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 and better lives for themselves and their children; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota recognizes the many contributions of Somali Minnesotans; and

WHEREAS: Somali Minnesotans set an example for the rest of the Somali Diaspora community around the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 10, 2017, as:

SOMALI AMERICANS 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 9th day of February.


GOVERNOR

Steve Pimm

SECRETARY OF STATE



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