



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Saado Ali Warsame was a distinguished Somali-American singer-songwriter and politician, whose contributions have had a profound impact on the arts and politics, bridging the communities of her home country and her adopted home in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Saado Ali Warsame served with dedication and distinction as a lawmaker in the Federal Parliament of Somalia, representing the Puntland State of Somalia, tirelessly advocating for the rights and welfare of her constituents; and

WHEREAS: As a prominent figure in traditional Somali music, Saado Ali Warsame used her artistic talents to champion political and social justice, becoming a voice for the voiceless and striving for a better future for all Somalis; and

WHEREAS: On July 23, 2014, Saado Ali Warsame's life was tragically cut short when she was assassinated in Mogadishu by Al-Shabaab, a terrorist group responsible for the deaths of Somali peace activists, international aid workers, civil society figures, and journalists, and for blocking aid during the 2011 famine that killed tens of thousands of Somalis; and

WHEREAS: Saado Ali Warsame's legacy continues to inspire, and her contributions to the fields of music, politics, and social justice remain invaluable, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of those who knew her and those who continue to be influenced by her life and work; and

WHEREAS: Saado Ali Warsame is revered as a community leader for her outstanding contributions to music, politics, and social justice in Minnesota and beyond. Her spirit of resilience, advocacy, and artistry will forever be remembered and celebrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, June 22, 2024, as:

SAADO ALI WARSAME 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 21st day of June.




GOVERNOR

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