



PROCLAMATION

Galdogob Sister City Day: July 1, 2026

The City of Columbia Heights proudly recognizes its Sister City relationship with Galdogob, Somalia, established on July 1, 2023, to foster mutual understanding, cultural exchange, and community connections across borders.

Columbia Heights is home to a vibrant and growing community of Somali Americans who play an integral role in building our city — contributing socially, culturally, politically, and economically to the place we all call home. The Sister City bond with Galdogob reflects and honors that deep connection, standing as a testament to the shared humanity that unites our communities across continents.

Like many immigrant groups before them, Somali Americans came to Columbia Heights seeking safety, opportunity, and a better future for their families. Today, they are woven into the fabric of our city, and their presence makes Columbia Heights stronger.

In honor of this partnership, the Somali flag will be displayed in Columbia Heights City Hall alongside the flag of our Sister City of Łomianki, Poland, as a symbol of our commitment to global friendship and the diverse communities that make Columbia Heights home.

I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights, do hereby proclaim **July 1, 2026**, to be **Galdogob Sister City Day** in the City of Columbia Heights, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, U.S.A. In making this proclamation, the City of Columbia Heights celebrates the enduring friendship between our two communities and honors the contributions of Somali Americans who continue to enrich the life of our city.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
June 22, 2026