

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

PROCLAMATION

Somali American Day: July 1, 2026

The Independence Day of Somalia is a National Holiday observed annually in Somalia and the Diaspora worldwide on the 1st of July.

Many Somali refugees and their families immigrated to the United States, and today Somali Americans are one of the fastest growing immigrant groups in Columbia Heights.

Like many immigrant groups before them, Somali Americans sought shelter to the United States to escape war and persecution, to find opportunities, and to better their lives and the lives of their children.

Somali Americans play an integral role in building a vibrant and diverse Columbia Heights, contributing socially, culturally, politically, and economically to our city.

I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights do hereby proclaim **July 1, 2026**, to be **Somali American Day** in the City of Columbia Heights, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, U.S.A. In making this proclamation, the history, culture, and contributions of Somali Americans in Columbia Heights are being recognized and celebrated.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor

June 22, 2026