

## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

WHEREAS: Minnesota celebrates and embraces the fact that it is a state of many immigrants, cultures and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is home to the largest Somali community in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota is fortunate to have such a strong and vibrant Somali community living within the state of Minnesota both in the metropolitan and rural areas; and

WHEREAS: Through their hard work, the Minnesota Somali community continues to make strong contributions to our economy and quality of life, and many of their young people attend our schools and universities; and

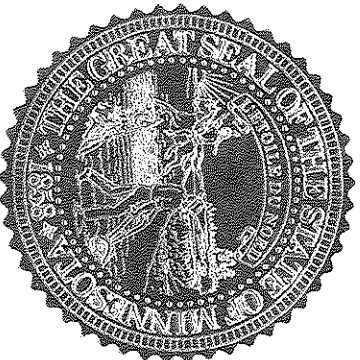
WHEREAS: During this time of year, the Somali community commemorates the fact that various parts of Somalia gained their independence from Britain, Italy and France; and

WHEREAS: This is a time when Somalis gather for sports, entertainment and celebration.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 26 – July 2, 2005, as:

## SOMALI WEEK

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 24<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the State the one hundred forty-seventh.

GOVERNOR

  
SECRETARY OF STATE