



JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

June 24, 2011

Karen and I are pleased to extend our congratulations to SomaliCAN and members of Central Ohio's Somali community on the 2nd Annual Ohio Somali graduation to be held in Columbus on June 24, 2011. Your annual celebration of the academic achievements of Somali-American high school and university graduates is to be commended.

Obtaining a good, quality education is critical to one's success in life. Students of Somali heritage face challenges as they adjust to the education system in America and it is great to learn of support that SomaliCAN and other organizations provide to ensure a student's successful completion of secondary and post-secondary education.

I stand in agreement with the hundreds of students, parents, professionals and leaders at today's event that these students deserve special recognition for their excellent accomplishments in education.

Best wishes for a successful graduation ceremony and to the students as they pursue their future endeavors!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Kasich".

John R. Kasich
Governor

