



Office of the Mayor  
City of Columbus  
Ohio

# PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio has the responsibility to honor outstanding achievements by members of our community; and*

*WHEREAS, SomaliCAN provides a wide range of charitable services that benefit a great number of Somali Immigrants; and*

*WHEREAS, SomaliCAN is dedicated to increasing public awareness and works together with other community organizations and law enforcement agencies to serve the Columbus residents and make the city of Columbus safer; and*

*WHEREAS, SomaliCAN is committed to helping Somali Refugees adjust to their newly adopted residence, utilize their talents to contribute to the economy, and assist them navigate through unfamiliar settings; and*

*WHEREAS, SomaliCAN's goal is to improve the health, safety and productivity of the community through culturally competent services, information, and resurgences; and*

*WHEREAS, for the past three years SomaliCAN has made enormous efforts to organize refugee youth by substantially enhancing their personal, academic and intercultural growth: and*

*WHEREAS, SomaliCAN has worked constantly to advance the value of education by recognizing Somali Student's accomplishments and by hosting the 2nd annual Somali graduation ceremony for High School and College graduate students;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael B. Coleman, Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio, do hereby proclaim do hereby proclaim the third week of June as:*

## *Somali Graduation Week*

*in Columbus, and urge all members of our community to join in recognition of this significant occasion.*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Mayor of the City of Columbus, Ohio, to be hereto affixed this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.*