

RESOLUTION  
of the  
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

**Glidden, Warsame**

**Extending an invitation to the City of Bosaso to join in a Sister City agreement with the City of Minneapolis, inviting the residents of Bosaso and Minneapolis to participate in the activities outlined in the agreement, and approving the plans of Minnesota Friends of Bosaso to work with the City of Minneapolis to develop the Sister City agreement.**

Whereas, Minneapolis has the largest Somali-American community in the United States of America, contributing to the vibrancy of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, there are hundreds of Somali-owned and operated commercial ventures contributing to the economic health of Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Somali-Americans have established educational, cultural, and non-profit institutions in Minneapolis; and

Whereas, many in Minneapolis and Minnesota have familial, linguistic, and entrepreneurial connections with Bosaso; and

Whereas, Bosaso is a thriving commercial center; and

Whereas, a sister city relationship with Bosaso would formalize the existing informal connections between our cities; and

Whereas, in creating this historic relationship with Bosaso, Minneapolis would be the first city in the United States of America to forge such connections with a city in Somalia; and

Whereas, Mayor Hassan Abdalle Hassan and the City Council of Bosaso have provided written support and encouragement for a formal sister city relationship with Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Minnesota Friends of Bosaso is a volunteer organization working to enhance the relationship between the people of Minneapolis and Bosaso and promote cultural understanding;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council, on behalf of the people of Minneapolis, hereby approves the efforts of Minnesota Friends of Bosaso to develop a Sister City Agreement between the cities of Minneapolis and Bosaso, for the purposes of promoting cultural understanding and stimulating economic development between our two cities and nations.

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor of Minneapolis is hereby authorized to act for the City of Minneapolis to finalize this Agreement.

Be It Further Resolved that our local Bosaso sister city organization, Minnesota Friends of Bosaso, in cooperation with the Mayor and City Council of Minneapolis, pursue the necessary steps to formalize the relationship between the two cities and involve appropriate individuals, groups, and businesses in developing economic, educational and cultural exchanges.