

*Case #1*

2015R- 058  
**RESOLUTION**  
**of the**  
**CITY OF**  
**MINNEAPOLIS**

By Glidden, Warsame and Cano

**Reaffirming Support of the Somali-American Communities to Continue Remittances to Somalia and the Horn of Africa.**

Whereas, the City Council passed on January 27, 2012, a resolution supporting the Somali-American Communities to continue remittances to the Horn of Africa; and

Whereas, over the past few years most United States (US) banks have closed their accounts with firms providing remittances to Somalia; and

Whereas, a US bank servicing most of the remittances has terminated the service as of February 6, 2015; and

Whereas, the closing could effectively stop legal remittances to Somalia; and

Whereas, millions of Somalis rely on remittances from diasporas as their only means of income and support; and

Whereas, the majority of the remittances are small amounts of money sent to family and friends; and

Whereas, Somalia lacks any functioning banking system; and

Whereas, the Somali-American community in Minneapolis is the largest in the country; and

Whereas, the Somalia community in Minneapolis provides significant financial support to their relatives in Somalia that provides basic needs like food, shelter, clothing and education; and

Whereas, the halting of these funds causes great hardship to many people in need in Somalia;

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

That Minneapolis reaffirms its support with our Somali-American colleagues, neighbors, and constituents in their desire to support their loved ones in the Horn of Africa and across the globe.

Be It Further Resolved that we strongly urge all concerned parties to find an amicable solution that facilitates the normal flow of remittances without compromising the safety and security of the United States.

Be It Further Resolved that staff from the Intergovernmental Relations Department, City Attorney's Office, and the Finance Department review State and local City options for banks to continue servicing of remittances.

Certified as an official action of the City Council: 

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE (X INDICATES VOTE)													
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN
Reich				X			Glidden	X					
Gordon	X						Cano	X					
Frey	X						Bender	X					
B Johnson	X						Quincy	X					
Yang	X						A Johnson	X					
Warsame	X						Palmisano	X					
Goodman	X												

ADOPTED FEB 13 2015 DATE

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MAYOR HODGES DATE FEB 13 2015