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**RECOGNITION**

**Eritrean National Independence Day  
May 24, 2014**

Eritrea, forms a part of the Horn of Africa. It is bordered by Sudan to the north and west, the Red Sea to the east. Djibouti in the southeast and Ethiopia to the south. It is approximately 46,841 square miles. Eritrea gained independence from Ethiopia after its people voted unanimously in favor of going their own way in a United Nations monitored referendum. This former Italian colony, the size of Pennsylvania, formally came into existence on May 24, 1993.

Eritrean has a long history of exemplary struggle for human rights and national self-determination.

Eritrean people serve and function as models of human dignity and perseverance throughout the United States and Canada.

Eritrean destiny is inextricably tied to fostering good relations with the U.S. and other nations for the common good of all people.

Eritrean is situated in a region of enormous strategic importance to the United States and Canada.

Therefore, I, Mike Duggan, Mayor of the City of Detroit, hereby recognize May 24, 2014 as Eritrean National Independence Day.



*Mike Duggan*

Mayor, City of Detroit

**May 24, 2014**

Date