PROCLAMATION NO. 673/2010.

ETHIOPIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Article 4 of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia stipulates that the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia shall have a National Anthem;

WHEREAS, the Constitution provides that particulars of the National Anthem shall be determined by law;

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with Article 4 and Article 55 sub article (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia it is hereby proclaimed as follows:

PART ONE

GENERAL

1. Short Title

This Proclamation may be cited as the “Ethiopian National Anthem Proclamation No. 673/2010.”

2. Definition

In this Proclamation unless the context requires otherwise:

1/ “Foreign Official” means the president, prime minister or any minister of a foreign state;
2/ “State” means the regional state members of the federation referred to in Article 47 of the Constitution of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and, for the purpose of this Proclamation, include Addis Ababa and Dire Dawa city administrations;

3/ “Person” means any natural or juridical person;

4/ the expression in the masculine gender shall also includes the feminine gender.

3. Meaning of the National Anthem

The National Anthem of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (hereinafter referred as “the National Anthem”) symbolizes:

1/ constitutional supremacy;

2/ the long history of the peoples’ of Ethiopia;

3/ the inviolable commitment of the peoples’ of Ethiopia to live together in a democratic order;

4/ the bright future of the common destiny of the peoples’ of Ethiopia.

4. The Verse and Musical Notation of the National Anthem

1/ The verse of the National Anthem shall be as follows:

2/ The musical notation of the National Anthem are reproduced herein under:
5. **Translation of the National Anthem in other Ethiopian Languages**

1/ Every state shall perform the National Anthem as provided for in this Proclamation.

2/ Without prejudice to sub-article (1) of this Article, the states may use the National Anthem in their official language translation consistent with the very verse of the anthem and following the same musical notation provided that this shall be effective when approved by the respective state council.

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**PART TWO**

**USING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

6. **Using the National Anthem at the Opening Session of Houses and at Swearing in**

1/ The House of Peoples’ Representatives and the House of Federation of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia shall open their annual joint session by playing the National Anthem accompanied by music orchestra.

2/ The National Anthem shall be played at the swearing-in of the President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia before commencing his responsibility.

3/ The National Anthem shall be played at the swearing-in of the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia before commencing his responsibility.

7. **During National Holydays**

The National Anthem shall be played during ceremony of national holydays to be determined accordingly by law.

8. **At Schools**

1/ In accordance with Article 15(2) of the Flag Proclamation No. 654/2009 schools in hoisting the National Flag of Ethiopia shall play the National Anthem.
2/ In accordance with sub-article (1) of this Article the National Anthem shall be played either by audio or the students collectively.

9. **Television and Radio Transmissions**

1/ Any organization engaged in broadcasting service, in accordance with the Mass Media and Freedom of Information Proclamation No. 590/2008 and where its transmission involves more than one regional state, shall play the National Anthem at the opening and closing of regular transmission.

2/ If the broadcasting transmission referred in sub-article (1) of this Article is a twenty four hours a day transmission, it shall transmit the National Anthem at 0100 hours and at 0600 hours every day.

10. **At Sporting Events**

Without prejudice to the regulations of international sports associations, when an Ethiopian sports team, in representing Ethiopia has a match on Ethiopian soil against another nation, the National Anthem shall be played after the national anthem of the guest nation is played.

11. **At the Arrival of a Foreign Official**

At the welcoming reception of a foreign official in Ethiopia, the National Anthem shall be played after the national anthem of the nation represented by the official is played. Its particulars shall be determined by the regulation to be issued by the Council of Ministers.

12. **At Ethiopian Embassies and Consulate Offices in Foreign Nations**

When an Ethiopian embassy or a consulate office in a foreign nation decides to play the National Anthem and a national anthem of another nation, it shall first play the National Anthem of Ethiopia followed by the other nation’s national anthem.
PART THREE
ETHICAL RULES AND PROHIBITIONS

13. Respect During the Conduct of the National Anthem

1/ During the playing of the National Anthem and the hoisting of the National Flag of Ethiopia, every person shall stand at attention lowering his hands facing the flag.

2/ During the playing of the National Anthem and the hoisting of the National Flag of Ethiopia, every member of the police or National Defense Force shall salute at the first note of the anthem by facing the flag and shall maintain that position until the last note.

14. Offences

1/ Without prejudice to the directive to be issued by the Ministry of Education in accordance with this Proclamation and the regulation to be issued by the Council of Ministers, any primary school, in contravention of the provisions of this Proclamation, fails to conduct the performance of the National Anthem, the chief administrator of the school or the school shall be punishable with simple imprisonment or with a fine up to 5000 Birr, as the case may be.

2/ Whosoever uses the National Anthem for commercial advertisement shall be punishable with simple imprisonment or fine.

PART FOUR
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

15. Power to Issue Regulation and Directives

1/ The Council of Ministers may issue regulations necessary for the implementation of this Proclamation.

2/ The Ministry of Education and the Ministry of National Defense may issue directives necessary for the implementation of this Proclamation and the regulations to be issued pursuant to this Proclamation.
### Inapplicable Laws

No Proclamation, regulation, directive or customary practice shall be applicable in so far as inconsistent with the matters provided for under this Proclamation.

### Effective Date

This Proclamation shall enter into force upon the date of publication in the Federal Negarit Gazeta.

Done at Addis Ababa, this 22nd day of May, 2010

GIRMA WOLDEGIORGIS

PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF ETHIOPIA