

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 8

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing April 6, 2017, as "Tartan  
8 Day" in the State of Oklahoma; and directing  
9 distribution.

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11 WHEREAS, on April 6, The United States observes National Tartan  
12 Day, symbolizing the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320,  
13 asserting Scotland's sovereignty over English territorial claims,  
14 and which influenced the American Declaration of Independence; and

15 WHEREAS, National Tartan Day honors the role Scottish Americans  
16 have played throughout this nation's history. Almost half the  
17 signers of the American Declaration of Independence in 1776 were of  
18 Scottish dissent; and

19 WHEREAS, the United Scottish Clans of Oklahoma (USCO) and  
20 Scottish Club of Tulsa (SCOT) represent the Scottish descendants and  
21 enthusiasts in the State of Oklahoma, helping promote Scottish  
22 culture and heritage through Highland Games, music, dance and other  
23 events; and  
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1       WHEREAS, Oklahoma hosts two Scottish festivals each year; the  
2 Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games,  
3 sponsored by USCO and held in Yukon on April 28, 29 and 30, 2017;  
4 and SCOTFEST, held in Tulsa on September 15, 16 and 17, 2017; and

5       WHEREAS, using the colors of red, white, black and gold on a  
6 blue field, Oklahoma native, Jerrel R. Murray, created a tartan that  
7 is symbolic of the people, land and resources of Oklahoma. The  
8 tartan was approved and registered with the Tartan Registry Society,  
9 and in 1999, the Oklahoma State Legislature declared it to be the  
10 official tartan of State of Oklahoma.

11       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
12 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13       THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes April 6, 2017, as  
14 "Tartan Day" in the State of Oklahoma.

15       THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the United  
16 Scottish Clans of Oklahoma, the Scottish Club of Tulsa and SCOTFEST.

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