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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 6TH OF EVERY YEAR AS TARTAN  
DAY IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii has a strong and flourishing Scottish  
2 heritage, which has been present since the early days of the  
3 monarchy when Scotsman John Young served as an advisor to King  
4 Kamehamemeha the Great; and

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6           WHEREAS, among notable persons of Scottish heritage who  
7 have contributed to the history of Hawaii are Captain Alexander  
8 Adams, who was also a confidant of King Kamehameha the Great;  
9 Robert Crichton Wyllie, who was appointed Minister of Foreign  
10 Affairs in 1789 and was successful in getting Hawaii recognized  
11 as an independent nation; Robert Louis Stevenson, who had a  
12 great love for the native Hawaiian people; James Makee, owner of  
13 Ulupalakua Ranch and celebrated in the "Hula O Makee"; and James  
14 Campbell, who discovered the underground fresh water table that  
15 irrigated the dry Ewa plain to grow sugarcane; and

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17           WHEREAS, for over two hundred years the Scottish and other  
18 Celtic cultures have been integrated with the Hawaiian culture  
19 through intermarriage, with the most notable historical figure  
20 being Princess Victoria Kaiulani Cleghorn, whose parents were  
21 Princess Likelike and Archibald Cleghorn, who was appointed by  
22 King Kalakaua to the House of Nobles and by Queen Liliuokalani  
23 as Governor of Oahu; and

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25           WHEREAS, from 1976 to 1982, the Caledonian Society of  
26 Hawaii sponsored an oral history project involving Scots in  
27 Hawaii, which resulted in interviews that can be found in *The*  
28 *Story of Scots in Hawaii*, which was published by the Caledonian  
29 Society of Hawaii in 2000; and

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31           WHEREAS, the tartan is a recognized symbol of Scottish and  
32 Celtic cultures; and



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2 WHEREAS, at the annual Highland games held in 1997, the  
3 Hawaii Handcrafters Hui and the Caledonian Society of Hawaii  
4 held a public viewing and vote to select a tartan to represent  
5 the State of Hawaii; and

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7 WHEREAS, a tartan designed by a local craftsman, Douglas  
8 Herring, was selected (with colors) to represent the State of  
9 Hawaii:

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11 (1) Blue to represent Hawaii's oceans and skies;  
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13 (2) Green to represent Hawaii's forests and landscapes;  
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15 (3) Brown to represent the aina of Hawaii;  
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17 (4) Red to represent Hawaii's volcanoes;  
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19 (5) Gold to represent the monarchy of the Kingdom of  
20 Hawaii; and

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22 WHEREAS, this tartan, known as the Hawaii Tartan, has been  
23 registered with the Scottish Tartan Authority in Scotland and is  
24 currently used by citizens of Hawaii in tartan clothing and worn  
25 by members of organizations such as the Celtic Pipes and Drums  
26 of Hawaii during ceremonial and official events; and

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28 WHEREAS, approximately twenty-four states and all branches  
29 of the armed forces have tartans that symbolize their cultures  
30 and that are worn by any citizen of the United States or member  
31 of the armed and public services; and

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33 WHEREAS, on March 9, 2005, the United States House of  
34 Representatives unanimously adopted House Resolution 41, which  
35 designates April 6th of each year as National Tartan Day, to  
36 recognize the contributions that were made by Scottish-Americans  
37 to the development of the United States; now, therefore,

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39 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
40 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
41 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
42 recognizes the contributions that were made by the people of  
43 Scottish heritage to Hawaii and supports the designation of  
44 April 6 of every year as Tartan Day in Hawaii; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Handcrafters Hui, The Caledonia Society of Hawaii, and the Celtic Pipes and Drums of Hawaii, who in turn are asked to transmit copies to local organizations and institutions that celebrate Scottish heritage.

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