
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 Kamehameha 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 1999, 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



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

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

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10 (1) Blue to represent Hawaii's oceans and skies;
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12 (2) Green to represent Hawaii's forests and landscapes;
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14 (3) Brown to represent the aina of Hawaii;
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16 (4) Red and yellow to honor the Hawaiian alii and also to
17 signify the fiery origins of the islands; and
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19 (5) Designated by the following thread counts:
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21 (A) Blue, eight (8) thread count;
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23 (B) Red, four (4) thread count;
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25 (C) Yellow, four (4) thread count;
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27 (D) Blue, forty-eight (48) thread count;
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29 (E) Brown, sixteen (16) thread count;
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31 (F) Green, forty (40) thread count;
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33 (G) Yellow, four (4) thread count; and
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35 (H) Red, six (6) thread count;

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39 WHEREAS, this tartan, known as the Hawaii Tartan, has been
40 registered with the Scottish Tartan Authority (ITI Number: 5163)
41 in Scotland and is currently used by citizens of Hawaii in
42 tartan clothing and worn by members of organizations such as the
43 Isle of Maui Pipe Band during ceremonial and official events;
44 and



1 WHEREAS, approximately twenty-four states and all branches
2 of the armed forces have tartans that symbolize their cultures
3 and that are worn by any citizen of the United States or member
4 of the armed and public services and can now be worn by any
5 citizen of Hawaii; and
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7 WHEREAS, on March 9, 2005, the United States House of
8 Representatives unanimously adopted House Resolution 41, which
9 designates April 6th of each year as National Tartan Day, to
10 recognize the contributions that were made by Scottish-Americans
11 to the development of the United States; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
16 recognizes the contributions that were made by the people of
17 Scottish heritage to Hawaii and supports the designation of
18 April 6 of every year as Tartan Day in Hawaii; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Handcrafters
22 Hui and the Caledonian Society of Hawaii, who in turn are asked
23 to transmit copies to local organizations and institutions that
24 celebrate Scottish heritage.

