

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 6, 2008, as "Tartan Day" in Pennsylvania.

2        WHEREAS, On April 6, 1320, the Scottish Parliament, meeting  
3 at Arbroath Abbey, sent a declaration to Pope John XXII that  
4 asserted the independence of Scotland and recited the services  
5 that their "Lord and sovereign, Robert the Bruce had rendered";  
6 and

7        WHEREAS, The declaration of Scottish independence, known as  
8 the Declaration of Arbroath, stated "for we fight not for glory,  
9 nor riches, nor honours, but for freedom alone, which no good  
10 man gives up except for his life"; and

11       WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania possesses a rich  
12 history, filled with the character and strength of a truly  
13 diverse population; and

14       WHEREAS, Within our society, the contributions of Scottish  
15 Americans are varied and plentiful, and hundreds of thousands of  
16 Scottish Americans are proud to call Pennsylvania their home;  
17 and

1       WHEREAS, In July 1776, members of the Continental Congress  
2 declared their independence from England and formed the United  
3 States of America; and

4       WHEREAS, As a country born from revolution and a belief in  
5 freedom for all, it is appropriate to celebrate and recognize  
6 these values throughout the world; and

7       WHEREAS, Over the centuries the contributions of Scottish  
8 Americans to the growth and prosperity of our nation are well  
9 documented; and

10       WHEREAS, Today over 6 million Americans of Scottish descent  
11 reside within our borders and continue to donate to a future  
12 filled with hope, possibility and boundless horizons; therefore  
13 be it

14       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate April 6, 2008, as "Tartan  
15 Day" in Pennsylvania.