

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE  
4 RESOLUTION 22

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing April 6, 2015, as Tartan Day  
8 in the State of Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

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

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

18 WHEREAS, the United Scottish Clans of Oklahoma (USCO) and  
19 Scottish Club of Tulsa (SCOT) represent the Scottish descendants and  
20 enthusiasts in the State of Oklahoma, helping promote Scottish  
21 culture and heritage through Highland Games, music, dance and other  
22 events; and

23 WHEREAS, Oklahoma hosts two Scottish festivals each year; the  
24 Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games,

1 sponsored by USCO and to be held in Yukon on April 25 and 26, 2015;  
2 and SCOTFEST, to be held in Tulsa on September 18, 19 and 20, 2015;  
3 and

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

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION  
11 OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

12 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature recognizes April 6, 2015, as  
13 Tartan Day in the State of Oklahoma.

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

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