

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 140

BY TINSMAN and MILLER

A Resolution encouraging the adoption of the Iowa tartan and the Iowa dress tartan as official state tartans.

WHEREAS, Tartan Day has been recognized and celebrated on April 6 since 1999 to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath that inspired the United States Declaration of Independence and to recognize the contributions of the people of Scottish and Scots-Irish heritage to the United States and Iowa; and

WHEREAS, twenty states, the United States, all of the Canadian provinces, some of the American military forces, and several cities in the United States have adopted their own tartan which can be worn by anyone of any nationality, known as district tartans; and

WHEREAS, Iowa has a rich history of Scottish influence in the founding of towns, cities, and counties; and that history is reflected in place names and celebrations throughout Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Iowans of Scottish and Scots-Irish descent have shown leadership in the fields of science, industry, literature, politics, exploration, and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Scottish community had input into the creation of the Iowa tartan and Iowa dress tartan; and

WHEREAS, the colors chosen for the Iowa tartans were chosen to symbolize Iowa: blue for the sky, our rivers and lakes; green for the fields our farmers plant; black for the rich soil with which we are

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1 blessed; white for snow; red for barns and the state
2 flower, the wild rose; brown for the earth; and yellow
3 for corn and the state bird, the goldfinch; and

4 WHEREAS, the Iowa Scottish Heritage Society
5 initiated the creation of the state tartans as gifts
6 for all of the people of Iowa to symbolize the nature,
7 qualities, and beauty of Iowa and as a symbol of unity
8 and all that weaves us together as Iowans; NOW
9 THEREFORE,

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate
11 supports adoption of the Iowa tartan and the Iowa
12 dress tartan designs submitted by the Iowa Scottish
13 Heritage Society as the official Iowa tartans; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this
15 resolution be sent to the Governor requesting
16 executive approval of such tartans as the official
17 Iowa tartan and Iowa dress tartan.

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