

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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1 A Concurrent Resolution designating the Iowa tartan
2 and the Iowa dress tartan as the official state
3 tartan.

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

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

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, the colors chosen for the Iowa tartan were
27 chosen to symbolize Iowa: blue for the sky, our
28 rivers and lakes; green for the fields our farmers

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1 plant; black for the rich soil with which we are
2 blessed; white for snow; red for barns and the state
3 flower, the wild rose; brown for the earth; and yellow
4 for corn and the state bird, the goldfinch; and

5 WHEREAS, the Scottish Tartan Authority requires
6 legislative action by a state to register a tartan as
7 a state tartan; and

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

13 THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly
16 recommends adoption of the designs submitted by the
17 Iowa Scottish Heritage Society as the Iowa tartan and
18 the Iowa dress tartan as the official Iowa tartan; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the editor of the Iowa
20 Official Register shall include an appropriate
21 photograph illustrating the Iowa tartan and the Iowa
22 dress tartan, accompanied by suitable text, in the
23 section of the register devoted to official state
24 symbols.

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