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Relating to declaring April 6, 2002, as Alaska Tartan Day.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

**WHEREAS** April 6 has special significance for all Americans, and especially for those Americans of Scottish descent, because the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence, which was signed on April 6, 1320; and

**WHEREAS** Scottish Americans have played a major role in the founding of the United States of America, and nearly half the signatories of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent, and the governors of nine of the original 13 states were of Scottish ancestry; and

**WHEREAS** Scottish Americans have made monumental achievements and invaluable contributions to the fields of science, technology, and medicine; and

**WHEREAS** more than 200 organizations throughout the United States and Alaska already observe Tartan Day on April 6 of each year to honor Scotland's role in the human struggle for liberty; and

**WHEREAS** the Scottish Highland Games is a prominent summer event held annually in Eagle River, Alaska, where longstanding Scottish traditions of strength and skill are celebrated by many Alaskans and visitors; and

**WHEREAS** people of Scottish descent have played a significant role in the history, discovery, and exploration of Alaska throughout history, most notably Captain Cook and many of his crew, and there are numerous Alaska landmarks, such as Point MacKenzie, honoring those Scots; and

**WHEREAS** the Alaska State Legislature wishes to recognize the contributions of Alaskans of Scottish descent to Alaska and the United States;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests Governor Tony Knowles to issue a proclamation calling on the people of Alaska to observe April 6, 2002, as Alaska Tartan Day and that this resolution is effective immediately.