

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 **WHEREAS** the Scottish Highland Games is a prominent summer event held annually

1 in Eagle River, Alaska, where longstanding Scottish traditions of strength and skill are
2 celebrated by many Alaskans and visitors; and

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

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

9 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature requests Governor Tony
10 Knowles to issue a proclamation calling on the people of Alaska to observe April 6, 2002, as
11 Alaska Tartan Day.