

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION 1011

By: Vaughan

AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution recognizing April 6, 2017, as Tartan Day
in Oklahoma; and directing distribution.

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

WHEREAS, National Tartan Day honors the role Scottish Americans have played throughout this nation's history. For example, almost half of the signers of the American Declaration of Independence in 1776 were of Scottish descent; and

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

1 WHEREAS, Oklahoma hosts two Scottish festivals each year: the
2 Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival and Highland Games,
3 sponsored by USCO and held in Yukon on April 28, 29 and 30, 2017;
4 and SCOTFEST, held in Tulsa on September 15, 16 and 17, 2017; and

5 WHEREAS, using the colors of red, white, black and gold on a
6 blue field, Oklahoma native, Jerrel R. Murray created a tartan that
7 is symbolic of the people, land and resources of Oklahoma; and

8 WHEREAS, this very special tartan was approved and registered
9 with the Tartan Registry Society and in 1999, the Oklahoma State
10 Legislature declared it to be the Official Tartan of Oklahoma.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
12 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

13 THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature hereby recognizes April 6,
14 2017, as Tartan Day in the State of Oklahoma in recognition of the
15 important contributions of Scottish Americans to the development of
16 our state and nation.

17 THAT copies of this resolution be dispatched to the United
18 Scottish Clans of Oklahoma, the Scottish Club of Tulsa, the Iron
19 Thistle Heritage Festival and Highland Games, and SCOTFEST.

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