

*WHEREAS, Alexandria was the site of the first National Tartan Day festival in the United States in 1999;*  
and

*WHEREAS, Alexandria is a City with rich Scottish heritage, founded by Scottish merchants and named for a Scot; and*

*WHEREAS, Alexandria is the historical home to prominent Americans with Scottish heritage who helped change the course of history, including George Washington, an ancestor of Scotland's King Malcolm III, Dr. James Craik, Washington's Scottish-born physician, Robert E. Lee, a descendant of King Robert the Bruce, and Lewis McKenzie, mayor of Alexandria during the Civil War; and*

*WHEREAS, Alexandria recognizes historical Virginians with Scottish heritage through the names of streets honoring Lord Fairfax, a Cameron, and Patrick Henry, the son of Scottish immigrants; and*

*WHEREAS, Alexandria includes Dundee, Scotland, among its sister cities and hosts Scottish games, festivals and the annual Scottish Christmas Walk; and*

*WHEREAS, many Virginia governors had Scottish heritage with colonial governors like Spotswood, Dunmore and Dinwiddie to the 20th century with Gov. James S. Gilmore II; and*

*WHEREAS, Virginia Senator John W. Warner and former Senator Charles S. Robb were co-sponsors of the 1998 Senate resolution that established National Tartan Day. Virginia's newest Senator, James Webb, has a Scottish heritage and wrote the book, "Born Fighting" about Ulster Scots; and*

*WHEREAS, National Tartan Day commemorates the signing of Scotland's Declaration of Arbroath on April 6, 1320, which was recognized as an influence on the American Declaration of Independence;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim April 6, 2007 to be:*

**"NATIONAL TARTAN DAY IN ALEXANDRIA"**

*and hereby welcomes all persons from Scotland and Scottish descent to our City for this celebration and urge all citizens of the City to attend and enjoy the activities being offered.*

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007.*

**WILLIAM D. EUILLE      MAYOR**

*On behalf of the City Council  
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk