



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

IN UMBRA CARDUI VIOLAE VALESCANT

"In the thistle's shadow, violets grow stronger."

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NEW BRUNSWICK CELEBRATES TARTAN DAY

The New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association is proud to announce that Tartan Day will be celebrated by New Brunswick Scots and people of Scottish descent on April 6, 2009. It is a time to appreciate the important role of Scottish immigrants and their descendants who make Canada and New Brunswick their home. The contributions they made and continue to make to our cultural and economic makeup have helped shape the Canada we know today. The New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association is proud to celebrate this important day which was first proclaimed by then-Premier, the Honourable Frank McKenna, on December 11, 1992.

The proclamation stated:

“Scottish immigrants and their descendants have played, and will continue to play, a major role in the development of the Canadian and New Brunswick Identity. Therefore, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I declare today, April 6th, and every April 6th thereafter, as Tartan Day in New Brunswick.”

Tartan Day has been proclaimed by all Canadian provinces, but has yet to be proclaimed nationally by the Canadian federal government. The United Council of Scots of Atlantic Canada, an organization representing member organization from the Atlantic Provinces, including the New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association, has taken on the role of

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encouraging the Canadian government to proclaim April 6th as National Tartan Day, as well as proclaiming the Maple Leaf Tartan as our National Tartan.

In New Brunswick, April 6th will be celebrated by the wearing of the Tartan, community flag raisings of the Cross of Saint Andrew, Tartan Day Teas, Tartan Day Galas and Scottish festivals. At the Provincial level, the Cross of Saint Andrew will be raised at the Provincial Legislature.

The New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association is asking all New Brunswickers to help celebrate Tartan Day by wearing a piece of tartan on April 6th.

BACKGROUND:

The New Brunswick Scottish-Cultural Association(www.nbscots.com) was founded in 1980, and represents New Brunswick's Scottish cultural communities and organizations, acting as both an information resource and promoter/defender of the Scots and their descents who have contributed to New Brunswick's economic, social, political and cultural development.

Tartan Day originated with the Federation of Scottish Clans in Nova Scotia in 1986. First the legislature of Nova Scotia, in 1987, then subsequently the legislatures of each of the other nine Canadian Provinces, proclaimed April 6th as Tartan Day. On April 6th, 1998, the United States Senate officially declared April 6th as Tartan Day, and a celebration of the contributions made by generations of Scots-Americans to the foundation and prosperity of modern America.

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