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National Tartan Day Will Be Celebrated in Alexandria, VA Festival

(Alexandria, VA) The National Capital Tartan Day Committee is hosting a Scottish festival to celebrate National Tartan Day. The National Tartan Day Festival will be held Saturday, April 7 from 1 PM to 5 PM at Market Square (in front of City Hall) at 301 King Street in Alexandria, Virginia.

This family friendly event will host Scottish clans, bagpipers, fiddlers, Scottish dancers, vendors and more. Among the entertainers will be Maggie Sansone, Bob Mitchell, and Liz Donalson.

Admission is free.

Historic Alexandria was founded by Scots more than 2 centuries ago and continues its Scottish traditions to this day. Celebrating National Tartan Day in Alexandria is quite appropriate.

Americans of Scottish descent have played a vibrant and influential role in the development of this country. In 1998 National Tartan Day was officially recognized on a permanent basis when the U.S. Senate passed Senate Resolution 155 recognizing April 6th as National Tartan Day. This was followed by companion bill House Resolution 41 that was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives on March 9, 2005. That date commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath in 1320, which asserted Scotland's sovereignty over English territorial claims, and which some say was an influence on the American Declaration of Independence.

The Alexandria City Council is set to pass a proclamation for National Tartan Day in Alexandria.

For more information on the event call 703-212-7137.