

RESOLUTION NO. RS2019-____

A resolution recognizing June 24, 2019 as Scottish, Scots-Irish Heritage Day in Nashville and Davidson County.

WHEREAS, Tenn. Code Ann. § 15-2-108 declares that June 24 of each year is to be observed as "Scottish, Scots-Irish Heritage Day", to honor and recognize the contributions people of Scottish and Scots-Irish heritage made to the founding and development of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 1796, when Tennessee first became a state, many Scottish and Scots-Irish settlers moved into the hills and frontier regions of Tennessee, bringing with them their traditions of music, dancing, storytelling, as well as the practice of "moonshining"; and

WHEREAS, according to Billy Kennedy, author of *The Scots-Irish in the Hills of Tennessee*, one in five Tennesseans can trace their roots directly to the Scots-Irish settlers of the 18th century; and

WHEREAS, over one-third of all U.S. Presidents have a Scots-Irish heritage, including Tennessee's Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk; and

WHEREAS, 12 of the 56 signatures on the Declaration of Independence were signed by men of Scottish or Irish descent; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, it is fitting and proper for the Metropolitan Council to recognize June 24, 2019 as "Scottish, Scots-Irish Heritage Day" in Nashville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1: The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing June 24, 2019 as "Scottish, Scots-Irish Heritage Day" in Nashville and Davidson County.

Section 2: This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

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