

**SENATE RESOLUTION  
2000-8744**

*By Senators Spanel and Haugen*

*WHEREAS, The beautiful Skagit Valley is the tulip capital of the Northwest; and  
WHEREAS, Every April, the tulips are in bloom, celebrating the beginning of  
spring; and*

*WHEREAS, The Skagit Valley Tulip Festival begins the festival season in  
Washington State; and*

*WHEREAS, This year's seventeenth annual event will run from March 31 through  
April 16, focusing on the communities of Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Anacortes, La  
Conner, Mount Vernon, Concrete and Conway; and*

*WHEREAS, this year's Tulip Festival Ambassadors will ably and personably  
perform their responsibilities as representatives of this festival; and*

*WHEREAS, more than half a million people visited the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival  
last year, participating in the joy and excitement of this annual event, and contributing  
to the economy of the Skagit Valley; and*

*WHEREAS, This year's visitors will be greeted by more than one thousand five  
hundred acres of tulips reflecting all the colors of the rainbow, by the fullness of life in  
the valley and its wonderful people; and*

*WHEREAS, Highlights of the event include the Kiwanis Annual Salmon Barbeque,  
the Tulip Pedal Bike Ride, the Tulip 10k Slug Run/Walk, the Downtown Mount Vernon  
Street Fair, and much more;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate salute the seven  
communities of the Skagit Valley, their Chambers of Commerce, Skagit Valley Tulip  
Festival Ambassadors, and the Tulip Festival Committee for their Skagit Valley Tulip  
Festival; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the community leaders  
and corporate sponsors for the success of this important event and encourage citizens from  
across Washington State to take the time to enjoy this spectacular display; and*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately  
transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Audrey Smith, Tulip Festival Executive  
Director, and the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Ambassadors.*

*I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 2000-8744,  
adopted by the Senate March 1, 2000.*

**TONY M. COOK**  
*Secretary of the Senate*