

**SENATE RESOLUTION
8698**

By Senators Kohl-Welles, Shin, Jacobsen, Prentice, Thibaudeau, Constantine, Fairley, Kline, and Johnson

WHEREAS, The Northwest Folklife Festival celebrates its thirtieth annual tribute to the cultural traditions of Pacific Northwest communities during Memorial Day Weekend, May 25-28th at the Seattle Center; and

WHEREAS, the four-day festival is recognized nationally as a major cultural event that attracts more than two-hundred-thousand visitors from the region and around the world to the Seattle area, significantly contributing to its economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, the festival is a community-owned celebration, made possible by the extraordinary commitment and contribution of six-thousand individuals who donate their time, talent and skill to make their Festival happen; and

WHEREAS, the festival has retained the integrity of its founding principles of accessibility through its commitment to free admission, and cultural enrichment through hands-on and participatory activities; and

WHEREAS, the festival embodies the generosity and spirit of the people of Washington and contributes to the unique character of the state; and

WHEREAS, the festival is focusing on the Korean American Community, recognizing and honoring the rich ethnic diversity of Washington and furthering understanding among different cultures and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the festival substantively contributes to the viability of precious cultural resources by presenting, documenting and preserving them for future generations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Senate honor and celebrate thirty years of the Northwest Folklife Festival and its unwavering dedication to presenting music and art in community life.

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8698,
adopted by the Senate May 22, 2001.

TONY M. COOK
Secretary of the Senate

