

SENATE RESOLUTION
8739

By Senators Spanel, Haugen, Stevens, and Fraser

WHEREAS, Every April the tulips are in bloom, celebrating the beginning of spring; and
WHEREAS, The beautiful Skagit Valley is the Northwest's tulip capital and the number one producer of tulip bulbs in North America; and

WHEREAS, The Skagit Valley Tulip Festival kicks off the festival season in Washington; and

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

WHEREAS, This year's festival celebrates the 25th anniversary of the event; and

WHEREAS, The festival will run from April 1st through April 30th, focusing on the communities of Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Anacortes, La Conner, Mount Vernon, Concrete, and Conway; and

WHEREAS, Visitors will be greeted by more than 750 acres of tulips reflecting all the vibrant colors of the rainbow, by the fullness of life in the valley, and by its wonderful people; and

WHEREAS, This year's Tulip Festival Ambassadors, Claire Kenning and Carl Johnson, will ably and personably perform their responsibilities as representatives of the festival; and

WHEREAS, Highlights of the event include the Kiwanis Salmon Barbecue; art shows; the Tulip Parade; the Tour de Fleur, a benefit for Meals on Wheels programs; the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association National Show; a 10K run; and a 50 mile bike ride;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the community leaders and corporate sponsors for the success of this important event and encourage citizens from across Washington 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 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Executive Director Cindy Verge and the Tulip Festival Ambassadors.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8739,
adopted by the Senate
March 4, 2008

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate