

SENATE RESOLUTION

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By Senators Dammeier, Becker, O'Ban, Conway, Darneille, and Keiser

1 WHEREAS, The annual Daffodil Festival is a favored tradition for  
2 the people of Pierce County and the Northwest; and

3 WHEREAS, 2016 marks the 83rd anniversary of the Daffodil  
4 Festival, and the theme of this year's festival is "Fun in the Sun";  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The mission of the Daffodil Festival is to focus  
7 national and regional attention on our local area as a great place to  
8 live and visit, to give the citizens of Pierce County a civic  
9 endeavor and to foster civic pride, to give young people and  
10 organizations in the local area an opportunity to display their  
11 abilities and talents, and to give voice to the citizens' enthusiasm  
12 in parades, pageantry, and events; and

13 WHEREAS, The Daffodil Festival began in 1926 as a modest garden  
14 party in Sumner and grew steadily each year until 1934, when the  
15 daffodil flowers, which previously had been largely discarded in  
16 favor of daffodil bulbs, were used to decorate cars and bicycles for  
17 a short parade through Tacoma; and

18 WHEREAS, The Daffodil Parade is the highlight of the Festival  
19 week—the parade travels through the four cities of Tacoma, Puyallup,  
20 Sumner, and Orting and consists of over 150 entries, including  
21 floats, bands, marching, and mounted units; floats are decorated with  
22 thousands of fresh cut daffodils, and the parade is a bridge that  
23 links one generation to another; and

1           WHEREAS, When the Daffodil Parade is over, the Royalty and their  
2 float will travel to over two dozen out-of-town parades to represent  
3 and celebrate Pierce County; and

4           WHEREAS, This year's Daffodil Festival Royalty includes Kimberly  
5 Agfalvi, Bethel High School; Tiauna Bill, Chief Leschi High School;  
6 Shayla Chandler, Fife High School; Faviola Colmenares, Washington  
7 High School; Laura Cronic, Curtis High School; Shannon Dooley, Orting  
8 High School; Emmalee Ford, Cascade Christian High School; Jaycee  
9 Jenkins, Graham-Kapowsin High School; Melissa Kinney, Lakes High  
10 School; Chelsea Lopez, Lincoln High School; Mackenzie Macoy, Franklin  
11 Pierce High School; Lindsey McClellan, Mount Tahoma High School;  
12 Maddie Meyer, White River High School; Skylar Miller, Sumner High  
13 School; Jessica Nguyen, Henry Foss High School; Kaitlin Nguyen,  
14 Rogers High School; Emily Oliver, Spanaway Lake High School; Kelty  
15 Pierce, Puyallup High School; Tabitha Reynolds, Bonney Lake High  
16 School; Sammy Roberts, Eatonville High School; Kallie Sherwood,  
17 Emerald Ridge High School; Esther Wamagata, Clover Park High School;  
18 and Lillie Williams, Stadium High School;

19           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize and  
20 honor the many contributions made to our state by the Daffodil  
21 Festival and its organizers for the past eighty-three years; and

22           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
23 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the 2016  
24 Daffodil Festival Officers and to the members of the 2016 Daffodil  
25 Festival Royalty.

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