

SENATE RESOLUTION
8638

By Senators Bailey, Honeyford, Fain, Baumgartner, Hill, Ericksen, Ranker, Billig, Cleveland, Dandel, Hewitt, Braun, Hargrove, King, Conway, O'Ban, Padden, Hasegawa, Rolfes, and Hatfield

1 WHEREAS, Every April, stunning tulips welcome the beginning of
2 another beautiful spring in Skagit; and
3 WHEREAS, The beautiful Skagit Valley is the Northwest's tulip
4 capital and the premier producer of tulip bulbs in North America; and
5 WHEREAS, The Skagit Valley Tulip Festival kicks off the festival
6 season in Washington; and
7 WHEREAS, Nearly half a million people visited the Skagit Valley
8 Tulip Festival last year, participating in the great pleasure of the
9 event and significantly contributing to the economy of the Skagit
10 Valley; and
11 WHEREAS, This year's 32nd annual festival will run from April 1st
12 through 30th, focusing on the communities of Sedro-Woolley,
13 Burlington, Anacortes, La Conner, Mount Vernon, Concrete, and Conway;
14 and
15 WHEREAS, Visitors will be welcomed by the millions of tulips
16 reflecting all the beauty of the region and its wonderful people; and
17 WHEREAS, This year's Tulip Festival Ambassadors, Chloe Cunningham
18 and Graham Rawson, will capably perform their duties as
19 representatives of the festival; and
20 WHEREAS, Highlights of the event include the Mount Vernon Street
21 Fair, PACCAR Open House, the Anacortes Spring Wine Festival,
22 including many Skagit County wineries and breweries, RoozenGaarde,
23 Tulip Town, the Kiwanis Salmon Barbecue, art shows, bike rides, foot
24 races, and much, much, more;
25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
26 salute all the communities of the Skagit Valley, their chambers of
27 commerce, the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival ambassadors, and the Tulip
28 Festival Committee; and
29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the community
30 leaders and corporate sponsors for the immense success of this event
31 and encourage citizens from across Washington to take the time to
32 enjoy this remarkable display; and
33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
34 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to Cindy

1 Verge, Executive Director of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival,
2 who has most aptly served the citizens of Skagit since first
3 joining the festival in 1999, and Chloe Cunningham and Graham
4 Rawson, Tulip Festival ambassadors.

5 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
6 do hereby certify that this is a true and
7 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8638,
8 adopted by the Senate
9 March 13, 2015

10 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
11 Secretary of the Senate