

SENATE RESOLUTION

8730

By Senators Dammeier, Becker, O'Ban, Conway, Darneille, Keiser, Fraser, McAuliffe, Angel, and Roach

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
2 their float will travel to over two dozen out-of-town parades to
3 represent and celebrate Pierce County; and

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

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
25 immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the
26 2016 Daffodil Festival Officers and to the members of the 2016
27 Daffodil Festival Royalty.

28 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
29 do hereby certify that this is a true and
30 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8730,
31 adopted by the Senate
32 March 1, 2016

33 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
34 Secretary of the Senate