National Tartan Day April 6, 2014

President Woodrow Wilson said of the **Scots, "Every line of strength in** American history is a line colored with **Scottish blood." The contribution of** the immigrant Scots upon North America is massive, and these people have remained proud of their heritage.

However, unlike the Irish and St. Patrick's Day, Scottish-Americans did not have a national day of identity and celebration. In 1998, National Tartan Day was officially recognized when the U.S. Senate passed a resolution recognizing April 6 as National Tartan Day. This was followed by a resolution passed in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2005.

The date commemorates the signing of the Declaration **of Arbroath in 1320, which asserted Scotland's freedom** over English territorial claims, and may have been an **influence on America's Declaration of Independence.**