

Tartan Day Signing Ceremony Press Conference  
Thursday, April 6, 2000  
10:00 a.m.  
Capitol Steps facing Capital Street

You have been asked to speak about the contributions of Scots to American Life. There will probably be a bagpipe player playing before the ceremony.

Good morning. (General Greeting)

- On December 19<sup>th</sup> 1991, in response to action initiated by the Clans & Scottish Societies of Canada, the Ontario Legislature passed a resolution proclaiming April 6<sup>th</sup> as Tartan Day.
- America followed suit on March 20<sup>th</sup> 1998, when Senate Resolution 155, proposed by US Senate Republican majority leader Trent Lott, was passed unanimously.
- Last year I helped to pass a resolution to recognize April 6<sup>th</sup> as Tartan Day in Mississippi.
- The contribution of the immigrant Scots upon North America is massive, and these

people have remained proud of their heritage.

- Great American Scots include Alexander Hamilton, the first US Secretary of the Treasury; Woodrow Wilson, the 28<sup>th</sup> President of the United States; Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton, founder of the Sisters of Charity in 1809 and William Morton, who pioneered the use of anesthesia; just to name a few.
- I am pleased today to have the opportunity to read and sign the following Proclamation.
- (Read the proclamation)
- (Sign the Proclamation)
- Shake hands with Dr. Graham and hand him the signed Proclamation.

