

SENATE RESOLUTION
8650

By Senators Spanel, Haugen, Stevens and Fraser

WHEREAS, Every April the tulips are in bloom, celebrating the beginning of spring; and
WHEREAS, The beautiful Skagit Valley is the Northwest's tulip capital and the number 1
producer of tulip bulbs in North America; and

WHEREAS, The Skagit Valley Tulip Festival kicks off the festival season in Washington;
and

WHEREAS, Nearly half a million people visited the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival last year,
participating in the joy and excitement of the event and contributing to the economy of the Skagit
Valley; and

WHEREAS, This year's 24th annual festival will run from April 1st through April 30th,
focusing on the communities of Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Anacortes, La Conner, Mount
Vernon, Concrete, and Conway; and

WHEREAS, Visitors will be greeted by more than 750 acres of tulips reflecting all the
vibrant colors of the rainbow, by the fullness of life in the valley, and by its wonderful people; and

WHEREAS, This year's Tulip Festival Ambassadors, William Hovenden and Bethany
Sybrandy, will ably and personably perform their responsibilities as representatives of the
festival; and

WHEREAS, Highlights of the event include the Kiwanis Club's 19th Annual Salmon
Barbeque, the 27th Annual Tulip Pedal bike ride, the Anacortes Quilt Walk, the Downtown
Mount Vernon Street Fair, the 2nd Annual Hospice Tour De Fleur, and much more;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate salute all the
communities of the Skagit Valley, their Chambers of Commerce, the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival
Ambassadors, and the Tulip Festival Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate commend the community leaders and
corporate sponsors for the success of this important event and encourage citizens from across
Washington to take the time to enjoy this spectacular display; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted
by the Secretary of the Senate to Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Executive Director Cindy Verge and
the Tulip Festival Ambassadors.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8650,
adopted by the Senate
March 12, 2007

THOMAS HOEMANN
Secretary of the Senate