

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1994-8662**

By Senator McDonald

WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature recognizes and honors all residents of Welsh descent and proclaims March 1, 1994, as Saint David's Day for the celebration of their Welsh heritage; and

WHEREAS, Wherever people of Welsh descent congregate, March 1 is observed as St. David's Day in tribute to their Patron, Saint David, who died on that date in the year 589; and

WHEREAS, Over the centuries, large numbers of Welsh people migrated to America searching for prosperity and freedom. The history of the United States is filled with Welsh names, both in places and people. Many became national leaders. At least sixteen signers of the Declaration of Independence and five United States presidents were of Welsh lineage. The coal mining industry of Washington state, in areas such as Black Diamond and Renton relied on the mining skills of Welsh immigrants, and the Welsh have contributed in many other ways to the successful development of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, The traditions and heritage of the Welsh have, and continue to, enrich the culture of our society throughout our state and it is fitting that Washington State and its residents join in paying tribute to Saint David and the accomplishments of all Welsh Americans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That March 1, 1994, shall be known as Saint David's Day and all citizens are encouraged to honor the Patron Saint of Wales and the accomplishments of all Welsh-Americans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate immediately transmit copies of this resolution to Alan Upshall, President of Puget Sound Welsh Association.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1994-8662,
adopted by the Senate March 1, 1994.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate