

**SENATE RESOLUTION
1996-8715**

By Senators Spanel and Haugen

WHEREAS, The beautiful Skagit Valley is the tulip capital of the Northwest; and
WHEREAS, Every April the tulips are in bloom, celebrating the beginning of
spring; and

WHEREAS, The Skagit Valley begins the festival season in Washington State
with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival; and

WHEREAS, This year's thirteenth annual event will run from March 29 through
April 14, focusing on the communities of Sedro-Woolley, Burlington, Anacortes, La
Conner, and Mount Vernon; and

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

WHEREAS, This year's visitors will be overwhelmed by more than one thousand
five hundred acres of tulips reflecting all the colors of the rainbow and by the fullness of
life in the valley and its wonderful people; and

WHEREAS, Highlights of the event include the Mount Vernon Street Fair, a 10K
Tour de Fleur, a Volkswalk, a 10K Slug Run, an Easter egg hunt, and sea kayak rides;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Senate salute the five
communities of the Skagit Valley and their chambers of commerce for their Skagit
Valley Tulip Festival; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate issue this resolution in
recognition of the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, March 29 through April 14, 1996.

I, Marty Brown, Secretary of the Senate,
do hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy of Senate Resolution 1996-8715,
adopted by the Senate March 7, 1996.

MARTY BROWN
Secretary of the Senate