

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8723

By Senators Spanel, Haugen, Stevens and Rasmussen

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 23rd annual festival will run from April 1 through 30, 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 will ably and personably perform their  
responsibilities as representatives of this festival; and

WHEREAS, Highlights of the event include the Kiwanis Club's 18th Annual Salmon  
Barbeque, the 26th Annual Tulip Pedal bike ride, the Anacortes Quilt Walk, the Downtown  
Mount Vernon Street Fair, the first 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 the 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 8723,  
adopted by the Senate  
February 21, 2006

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate