

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: APRIL 6, 2011**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL TARTAN DAY

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting Copy of Proclamation for National Tartan Day

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ROSS recognized National Tartan Day to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath on April 6, 1320. The American Declaration of Independence was based on this document. National Tartan Day was first observed in 1997 by the passage of U.S. Senate Resolution 155. Today over 11 million Americans claim Scottish and Irish roots, making them the eight largest ethnic group in the United States. He acknowledged the St. Andrews Society, Las Vegas Celtic Society and the Desert Skye Pipe and Drum Band. C.T. SEIDL came forward and thanked the Mayor and City Council for their recognition.

The Councilman introduced WOODY GORDON and BRIAN ZOWERS, Las Vegas Celtic Society. MR. GORDON stated that their organization brings the Highland Games to Floyd Lamb Park. The event will begin the evening of April 15 with a ceilidh (party) on Fremont Street, followed by the games on Saturday and Sunday. The event will feature an Irish dance competition, pipe bands, food and he encouraged everyone to attend. He pointed out the event is put on by volunteers who are proud of their Gaelic heritage.

