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STATE OF COLORADO

BY REPRESENTATIVES McPherson and Hagedorn;
also SENATOR Alexander.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 97-1016

WHEREAS, Many Coloradans of Scottish, Irish, and other Celtic descents have made significant contributions to the development and cultural richness of Colorado before and since the granting of Colorado's statehood in 1876; and

WHEREAS, July 1 has been designated as "Tartan Day" pursuant to House Joint Resolution 96-1014 and the people of Colorado should have an official tartan to wear on that day; and

WHEREAS, The official tartan is not only a Celtic tartan but also a "district" tartan that may be worn by any resident or friend of Colorado, whether or not of Celtic heritage; and

WHEREAS, The official state tartan is comprised of a pattern and colors that are symbolic of Colorado's splendor and history; and

WHEREAS, The crispness of the color blue captures the beauty of the clear Colorado skies and the coolness of forest green renders images of pine and spruce that grace the mountains with dignity; and

WHEREAS, The contrasting colors of lavender and white are reflective of the granite mountain peaks and the snow that crowns them in the winter months, inspiring the song "America the Beautiful" and its references to "purple mountain majesties", and are found in the state flower, the white and lavender columbine; and

WHEREAS, The brilliance of the color gold signifies the vast wealth of mineral resources to which the mining industry was attracted and on which the state's early economy was built; and

WHEREAS, The essence of the color red distinguishes the "C" on the state flag and also signifies the red sandstone soil which gave the area its name Colorado, meaning red in Spanish; and

WHEREAS, In order to officially register a tartan in the International Association of Tartan Studies, legislative action must first be taken; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly and the people of Colorado, officially declare and recognize the tartan having a pattern or sett consisting of primary blocks of forest green and cerulean blue separated by broad dividing bands of black, with the forest green checks containing two pairs of tram tracks consisting of lavender and white and with the cerulean blue checks containing a gold stripe with red guard lines, to be the official state tartan.