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Awrite!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I would like to personally thank you and the Illinois St. Andrew Society for your efforts to designate an official Illinois State Tartan through the passage of House Bill 4492.

The State of Illinois is proud to be home to a large and thriving Scottish American population that makes many important social, cultural and economic contributions to our state every day. The adoption of an official state tartan will do much to enhance the wonderful ethnic diversity that all Illinoisans enjoy.

According to the Chicago Scots Society, the tartan is a recognized symbol of Scottish and Celtic cultures, which represents courage in the face of adversity, of loyalty to family and friends, and serves as a continuing inspiration for all people today. With over 37 states in the United States recognizing an official tartan, Illinois can be proud that they are included in this important celebration of Scottish tradition.

As Governor, it is always helpful to hear from residents about the issues concerning our state. I believe Illinois functions best when citizens take direct action in their governance. Your work provides a wonderful example of how real change comes directly from people. I applaud your actions and hope that you will continue your advocacy in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pat Quinn
Governor

HB4492 Enrolled

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1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The State Designations Act is amended by adding
5 Section 95 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 460/95 new)

7 Sec. 95. State tartan. The Illinois Saint Andrew Society
8 Tartan is designated the official tartan of the State of
9 Illinois.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
11 becoming law.

APPROVED

Michael J. Madigan
Speaker, House of Representatives

John J. Cullerton
President of the Senate

this 6TH day of July, 20 12 A.D.,

Pat Quinn
GOVERNOR

Assistant
Clerk of the House

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