

***Recognizing Scottish American Heritage  
Month and Tartan Day***



**WHEREAS**, Scottish American Heritage Month was first recognized in 1998 by the United States and April 6<sup>th</sup> was proclaimed as National Tartan Day by President George W. Bush; and

**WHEREAS**, Tartan Day is a day to celebrate Scottish cultural values and celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Arbroath which asserted the independence of the Scottish kingdom in 1320; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 30 million U.S. residents claim Scottish or Scottish-Irish heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans with Scottish ancestry have made and continue to make America a better place and Americans a better people; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans with Scottish ancestry have made profound and significant contributions to our country's and community's cultural and artistic landscape through literature, music, governance, economy, and theater.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor of the City of Monroe, do hereby recognize April 2023 as

***Scottish American Heritage Month***

and April 6, 2023 as

***Tartan Day***

**AND I ENCOURAGE EACH OF US** to celebrate our residents of Scottish ancestry, and to learn about the rich Scottish heritage and traditions that originate with Scottish Americans.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Geoffrey Thomas", written over a horizontal line.

Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor