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THE DECLARATION OF ARBROATH

The reason behind Tartan Day being held on the 6th of April each year is because this is the exact date that The Declaration of Arbroath was signed in 1320. Approved on the 4th of July 1776, the American Declaration of Independence is said to have been inspired by the Declaration of Arbroath, fuelling the celebration of Tartan Day all these years later!

Written by Scottish Barons at the time, The Declaration of Arbroath is a document addressed to Pope John XXII. One of the most famous documents in Scottish History is an appeal asking the Pope to recognise Scotland's independence and to end the war of independence with England.

For Scotland, the document had a small degree of success, however, did not achieve its full aim. However, once signed, Scotland became free of control by England's Norman kings and had the right to use military action to defend itself when attacked.

Kept in Edinburgh Castle in Scotland's beautiful capital city, this iconic document celebrated its 700th year anniversary last year.

The Declaration of Arbroath statue in Arbroath, Scotland



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