## #NYCTW The Scottish Parliament will be celebrating in New York

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A delegation from the Scottish Parliament are travelling to the US this weekend. They will visit Winnipeg, Ottawa and New York, meeting with parliamentarians, Scottish organisations working in North America, and helping to mark Tartan Day on 6 April.

The Presiding Officer the Rt Hon Ken Macintosh MSP along with Holyrood Conveners Clare Adamson MSP and Edward Mountain MSP will conduct a series of meetings and engagements in the US during Scotland Week.

The delegation will represent the Parliament at the Tartan Day Parade in New York, walking alongside bands, pipers, dancers, and clans from Canada and the US, as well as dozens of Scottish and West Highland Terriers.

Prior to this, the Presiding Officer has a busy programme of visits that will involve him in meetings with the Canadian Senate, House of Commons, and the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba.

Clare Adamson MSP and Edward Mountain MSP will also take part in a number of different engagements relevant to the remits of their committees, including discussions on lobbying, agriculture and parliamentary reform.

The Presiding Officer, the Rt Hon Ken Macintosh MSP said: "Scotland Week and Tartan Day is a great chance for millions of people to mark their connections with Scotland. I am delighted to lead a delegation of MSPs to join them in

celebrating those ties, and to foster positive and deep links between our parliaments, countries and communities.

"In addition to the cultural and family histories that have shaped people on both sides of the Atlantic, we hope to build future friendships between the Scottish Parliament, and North America, and to learn from one another along the way."

The Edinburgh Reporter is also going to be in New York covering as many events as we can get to! We are delighted to be supported by Delta Air Lines.

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