



2001 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4

January 12, 2001 - Introduced by Senators MOEN, CHVALA, ERPENBACH, BURKE, S. FITZGERALD, GEORGE, ROESSLER, SCHULTZ, RISSER, BAUMGART, DARLING and HARSDFORF, cosponsored by Representatives SKINDRUD, HEBL, RICHARDS, MUSSER, HUEBSCH, BOCK, GUNDERSON, PETROWSKI, BOYLE, RHOADES, UNDERHEIM, OLSEN, ALBERS, POCAN, WALKER, SYKORA, MILLER, WARD, PETTIS, URBAN, GRONEMUS, KRUG and TOWNSEND. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 18, 19, and 20, 2001, Syttende Mai Weekend.

2 Whereas, Norway, which means "Northern Way," is the 5th largest country in
3 Europe, covering 125,052 square miles, and has a population of approximately
4 4,000,000; and

5 Whereas, Norwegian immigrants have made countless contributions to the
6 cultures of Wisconsin and other regions of the United States; and

7 Whereas, one out of every 12 Wisconsinites claims Norwegian ancestry; and

8 Whereas, "Syttende Mai," Norwegian for "May 17," celebrates the anniversary
9 of the 1814 signing of the Norwegian Constitution that declared Norway's
10 independence from Denmark; and

11 Whereas, the Norwegian Constitution is the 3rd oldest in the world, being
12 predated only by the constitutions of the United States and France; and

13 Whereas, Norwegian culture can be found throughout Wisconsin in the cuisine
14 of lutefisk and lefse, in the art of rosemaling, and in the presence of wood-carved
15 trolls; and

