



State of Wisconsin
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2017 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 101

February 7, 2018 - Introduced by Senators SHILLING, MILLER, BEWLEY, WIRCH, HANSEN, ERPENBACH, RISSER, RINGHAND and VINEHOUT, cosponsored by Representatives NERISON, HEBL, VANDERMEER, PETRYK, HESSELBEIN, ZEPNICK, GENRICH, SINICKI, POPE, SPREITZER, BERCEAU, SUBECK and TUSLER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 18, 19, and 20, 2018, Syttende Mai Weekend.

2 Whereas, Norway, which means “Northern Way,” is the sixth-largest country
3 in Europe, covering 148,715 square miles, and has a population of more than 5
4 million people; 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 twelve Wisconsinites claims Norwegian ancestry;
8 and

9 Whereas, “Syttende Mai,” Norwegian for “May 17,” celebrates the anniversary
10 of the 1814 signing of the Norwegian Constitution that declared Norway’s
11 independence from Denmark; and

12 Whereas, the Norwegian Constitution is the third-oldest in the world, being
13 predated only by the constitutions of the United States and France; and

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

4 Whereas, Wisconsin communities, such as Stoughton, Blair, Mt. Horeb, Westby,
5 and Woodville, will celebrate Syttende Mai in many ways, including parades,
6 Norwegian displays, Norwegian street music and dancers, Syttende Mai King and
7 Queen presentations, Syttende Mai runs, special museum tours, choral concerts,
8 church services, and Norwegian drama; and

9 Whereas, thousands of Wisconsin residents of Norwegian heritage will
10 participate in these activities during the month of May; now, therefore, be it

11 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
12 Legislature proclaims the weekend of May 18, 19, and 20, 2018, Syttende Mai
13 Weekend in the state of Wisconsin, and declares that all residents of this state are
14 honorary Norwegians for that weekend and are urged to observe the Syttende Mai
15 Weekend with appropriate celebrations.

16 **(END)**