



1995 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

February 7, 1996 – Introduced by Senators MOEN, RUDE, CLAUSING, DARLING, C. POTTER, PANZER, BRESKE, CHVALA, ANDREA, MOORE, GROBSCHMIDT, DRZEWIECKI, HUELSMAN and SCHULTZ, cosponsored by Representatives SILBAUGH, JOHNSRUD, R. POTTER, DOBYNS, BALDUS, RYBA, TURNER, GRONEMUS, MUSSER, R. YOUNG, OLSEN, HUEBSCH, GUNDERSON, BOCK, GROTHMAN, HANSON, KRUG and DUEHOLM. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 17, 18 and 19, 1996, “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 has the highest percentage of blue-eyed people in the world; and

5 Whereas, “Syttende Mai”, Norwegian for “May 17”, celebrates the anniversary
6 of the Norwegian Constitution declaring Norway’s independence from Sweden; and

7 Whereas, “Syttende Mai” is observed in many Norwegian communities
8 throughout the United States; and

9 Whereas, Wisconsin communities, such as Stoughton, Westby and Woodville,
10 will celebrate “Syttende Mai” in many ways, including parades, Norwegian displays,
11 Norwegian street music and dancers, “Syttende Mai” King and Queen presentations,
12 “Syttende Mai” runs, special museum tours, choral concerts, church services and
13 Norwegian drama; and

14 Whereas, thousands of Wisconsinites of Norwegian heritage will participate in
15 these activities during the month of May; now, therefore, be it

16 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the weekend of
17 May 17, 18 and 19, 1996, is proclaimed “Syttende Mai Weekend” in the state of
18 Wisconsin, and that all of the citizens of this state are declared honorary Norwegians

1 for that weekend and are urged to observe the “Syttende Mai Weekend” with
2 appropriate celebrations.

3 (END)