



1997 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14

February 19, 1997 - Introduced by Senators CHVALA, MOEN, RUDE, RISSER, GROBSCHMIDT, WINEKE, PLACHE, COWLES, HUELSMAN, DRZEWIECKI, SCHULTZ and ZIEN, cosponsored by Representatives HEBL, BALDWIN, KRUG, HANSON, TRAVIS, URBAN, WARD, R. YOUNG, L. YOUNG, GRONEMUS, OWENS, RYBA, MURAT, MUSSER, HAHN, BOYLE, DOBYNS, OLSEN and SYKORA. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 16, 17 and 18, 1997, 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, “Syttende Mai”, Norwegian for “May 17” celebrates the anniversary
8 of the 1814 signing of the Norwegian Constitution that declared Norway’s
9 independence from Denmark; and

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

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

