

1999 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 14, 15 and 16, 1999, as 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 of
9 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 rosemalling and in the presence of wood-carved
15 trolls; and

