

## 2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 88

1       **Relating to:** proclaiming May 17, 18, and 19, 2002, 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

