

State of Wisconsin



2005 Assembly Joint Resolution 16

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: proclaiming May 13, 14, and 15, 2005, Syttende Mai Weekend.

Whereas, Norway, which means “Northern Way,” is the 5th largest country in Europe, covering 125,052 square miles, and has a population of approximately 4,000,000; and

Whereas, Norwegian immigrants have made countless contributions to the cultures of Wisconsin and other regions of the United States; and

Whereas, one out of every 12 Wisconsinites claims Norwegian ancestry; and

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

Whereas, the Norwegian Constitution is the 3rd oldest in the world, being predated only by the constitutions of the United States and France; and

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

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

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

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature proclaims the weekend of May 13, 14, and 15, 2005, “Syttende Mai Weekend” in the state of Wisconsin, and

declares that all citizens of this state are honorary Norwegians for that weekend and are urged to observe the "Syttende Mai Weekend" with appropriate celebrations.

Senator Alan J. Lasee
President of the Senate

Representative John G. Gard
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Patrick E. Fuller
Assembly Chief Clerk