



2009 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 9

February 10, 2009 - Introduced by Representatives HEBL, NERISON, BENEDICT, BERCEAU, BIES, BLACK, BROOKS, GUNDERSON, HIXSON, HUBLER, MURTHA, PARISI, PETROWSKI, POCAN, POPE-ROBERTS, SINICKI, SPANBAUER, TOWNSEND, TURNER, A. WILLIAMS and TOLES, cosponsored by Senators MILLER, HANSEN, LASSA, LAZICH, LEHMAN, OLSEN, PLALE, RISSER, SCHULTZ, TAYLOR, VINEHOUT and COGGS. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 15, 16, and 17, 2009, Syttende Mai Weekend.

2 Whereas, Norway, which means “Northern Way,” is the fifth-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 twelve Wisconsinites claims Norwegian ancestry;
8 and

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

12 Whereas, the Norwegian Constitution is the third-oldest in the world, being
13 predated only by the constitutions of the United States and France; and

