



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 120

February 29, 2012 – Introduced by Representative NERISON, cosponsored by Senator SHILLING. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 18, 19, and 20, 2012, 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

14 Whereas, Norwegian culture can be found throughout Wisconsin in the cuisine
15 of lutefisk and lefse, in the art of rosemaling, and in the carving of wooden trolls; and

