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## State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



## **2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 120**

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

**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

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 residents 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 18, 19, and 20, 2012, Syttende Mai Weekend in the state of Wisconsin, and declares that all residents of this state are honorary Norwegians for that weekend and are urged to observe the Syttende Mai Weekend with appropriate celebrations.

13 (END)