

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



## **2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 30**

May 8, 2013 – Introduced by Senators Shilling, Miller, Erpenbach, Hansen, Vinehout, Lazich, Harsdorf, Risser, Lehman, Lassa, Olsen, L. Taylor and Schultz, cosponsored by Representatives Hebl, Nerison, Brooks, Kahl, Kerkman, Hulsey, Milroy, Wachs, Bewley, Genrich, Jorgensen, Wright, C. Taylor, T. Larson, Berceau, Ringhand, Bies, Pope, Bernard Schaber, Hesselbein, Ballweg and Bernier. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: proclaiming May 17, 18, and 19, 2013, 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
LO	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

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1	Whereas, Norwegian culture can be found throughout Wisconsin in the cuisine
2	of lutefisk and lefse, in the art of rosemaling, and in the presence of wood-carved
3	trolls; and
4	Whereas, Wisconsin communities, such as Stoughton, Blair, Mt. Horeb, Westby,
5	and Woodville, will celebrate Syttende Mai in many ways, including parades,
6	Norwegian displays, Norwegian street music and dancers, Syttende Mai King and
7	Queen presentations, Syttende Mai runs, special museum tours, choral concerts,
8	church services, and Norwegian drama; and
9	Whereas, thousands of Wisconsin citizens of Norwegian heritage will
10	participate in these activities during the month of May; now, therefore, be it
11	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
12	legislature proclaims the weekend of May 17, 18, and 19, 2013, Syttende Mai
13	Weekend in the state of Wisconsin, and declares that all citizens of this state are
14	honorary Norwegians for that weekend and are urged to observe the Syttende Mai
15	Weekend with appropriate celebrations.
16	(END)