



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 81

February 28, 2014 – Introduced by Senators SHILLING, HARSDORF, MILLER, LEHMAN, LAZICH, RISSER, JAUCH, SCHULTZ and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives NERISON, DOYLE, HEBL, KNUDSON, KAHL, GENRICH, MILROY, BERCEAU, HULSEY, SARGENT, BEWLEY, WILLIAMS, HESSELBEIN, BIES, OHNSTAD, MURTHA, JORGENSEN, WRIGHT, POPE and RINGHAND. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 16, 17, and 18, 2014, 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 more than five
4 million people; 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

