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1997 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 40

February 25, 1998 – Introduced by Senators MOEN, GEORGE, GROBSCHMIDT, WIRCH, BRESKE, DRZEWIECKI, RUDE, HUELSMAN and BURKE, cosponsored by Representatives TRAVIS, KRUG, GRONEMUS, RYBA, MURAT, PLOUFF, R. YOUNG, PORTER, TURNER, BALDWIN, WASSERMAN, NOTESTEIN, LORGE, WALKER, OTTE and HEBL. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: proclaiming May 15, 16 and 17, 1998, Syttende Mai Weekend.
2	Whereas, Norway, which means "Northern Way", is the 5th 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, the Norwegian Constitution is the 3rd oldest in the world, being
8	predated only by the constitutions of the United States and France; and
9	Whereas, "Syttende Mai", which is Norwegian for "May 17", celebrates the
10	anniversary of the 1814 signing of the Norwegian Constitution that declared
11	Norway's independence; and
12	Whereas, Norwegian culture can be found throughout Wisconsin in little shops,
13	cafes and restaurants, such as the Norske Nook in Osseo, and is celebrated by a
14	number of communities' Norwegian Days; and

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1	Whereas, these communities will celebrate "Syttende Mai" with parades,
2	Norwegian displays, Norwegian street music and dancers, "Syttende Mai" King and
3	Queen presentations, "Syttende Mai" runs, special museum tours, choral concerts,
4	church services and Norwegian drama; and
5	Whereas, one out of every 12 Wisconsinites claims Norwegian ancestry; and
6	Whereas, many Wisconsin citizens of Norwegian heritage will participate in
7	activities celebrating their heritage during the month of May; now, therefore, be it
8	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the weekend of
9	May 15, 16 and 17, 1998, is proclaimed "Syttende Mai Weekend" in the state of
10	Wisconsin, and that the citizens of this state are declared honorary Norwegians for
11	that weekend and are urged to enjoy lutefisk and lefse and to observe the "Syttende
12	Mai Weekend" with appropriate celebrations.
19	(END)

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