



2003 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 19

February 18, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives JOHNSRUD, HEBL, RHOADES, GRONEMUS, GUNDERSON, MILLER, PETTIS, LADWIG, JENSEN, HUEBSCH, OLSEN, POCAN, SHILLING, BIES, ALBERS, HAHN, MUSSER, BERCEAU, VAN ROY, J. LEHMAN, TURNER, TOWNSEND, OWENS, PETROWSKI, WARD, VRAKAS, UNDERHEIM and COGGS, cosponsored by Senators M. MEYER, CHVALA, HANSEN, LAZICH, KANAVAS, SCHULTZ, HARSDDORF and RISSER. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** proclaiming May 16, 17, and 18, 2003, 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, one out of every 12 Wisconsinites claims Norwegian ancestry; and

8 Whereas, "Syttende Mai," Norwegian for "May 17," celebrates the anniversary
9 of the 1814 signing of the Norwegian Constitution that declared Norway's
10 independence from Denmark; and

11 Whereas, the Norwegian Constitution is the 3rd oldest in the world, being
12 predated only by the constitutions of the United States and France; and

13 Whereas, Norwegian culture can be found throughout Wisconsin in the cuisine
14 of lutefisk and lefse, in the art of rosemaling, and in the presence of wood-carved
15 trolls; and

