

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 29

April 14, 2023 – Introduced by Senators PFAFF, SPREITZER, HESSELBEIN, LARSON and ROYS, cosponsored by Representatives Oldenburg, Jacobson, Andraca, ARMSTRONG, BALDEH, BARE, CONLEY, DRAKE, EMERSON, JOERS, MAGNAFICI, MURSAU, KITCHENS, MURPHY, O'CONNOR, OHNSTAD, ORTIZ-VELEZ, RATCLIFF, SINICKI, SPIROS, STUBBS, SUBECK and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: proclaiming May 19, 20, and 21, 2023, Syttende Mai Weekend.
2	Whereas, Norway, which means "Northern Way," is the sixth-largest country
3	in Europe, covering 148,715 square miles, and has a population of more than 5
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, which declared Norway's
11	independence from Denmark; and
12	Whereas, the Norwegian Constitution is the third-oldest in the world, predated
13	only by the constitutions of the United States and France; and

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Whereas, Norwegian culture can be found throughout Wisconsin in the cuisine
 of lutefisk and lefse, in the art of rosemaling, and in the presence of carved wooden
 trolls; and

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Whereas, Wisconsin communities, such as Westby, Stoughton, Blair, Mt. Horeb,
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

9 Whereas, thousands of Wisconsin residents 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 19, 20, and 21, 2023, Syttende Mai 13 Weekend in the state of Wisconsin and declares that all residents of this state are 14 honorary Norwegians for that weekend and urged to observe the Syttende Mai 15 Weekend with appropriate celebrations.

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