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2019 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 104

February 28, 2020 - Introduced by Senators Shilling and Miller, cosponsored by Representatives Oldenburg and Hebl. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming May 15, 16, and 17, 2020, Syttende Mai Weekend. 1 $\mathbf{2}$ Whereas, Norway, which means "Northern Way," is the sixth-largest country in Europe, covering 148,715 square miles, and has a population of more than 5 3 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 Whereas, "Syttende Mai," Norwegian for "May 17," celebrates the anniversary 9 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

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 wood-carved trolls; and

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

Whereas, thousands of Wisconsin residents of Norwegian heritage will participate in these activities during the month of May; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin Legislature proclaims the weekend of May 15, 16, and 17, 2020, Syttende Mai Weekend in the state of Wisconsin, and declares that all residents of this state are honorary Norwegians for that weekend and are urged to observe the Syttende Mai Weekend with appropriate celebrations.

16 (END)