

State of Misconsin 2023 - 2024 LEGISLATURE

2023 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 127

February 21, 2024 – Introduced by Senators SPREITZER, PFAFF, AGARD, LARSON, ROYS and WIRCH, cosponsored by Representatives JACOBSON, OLDENBURG, J. ANDERSON, ARMSTRONG, BALDEH, BARE, DRAKE, EMERSON, JOERS, O'CONNOR, OHNSTAD, RATCLIFF and SINICKI. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: proclaiming May 17, 18, and 19, 2024, 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 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, which declared Norway's
10	independence from Denmark; and
11	Whereas, the Norwegian Constitution is the third-oldest in the world, predated
12	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 carved wooden
15	trolls; and

Whereas, Wisconsin communities, such as Westby, Stoughton, Blair, Mount
 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

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

8 **Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That** the Wisconsin 9 Legislature proclaims the weekend of May 17, 18, and 19, 2024, Syttende Mai 10 Weekend in the state of Wisconsin and declares that all residents of this state are 11 honorary Norwegians for that weekend and urged to observe the Syttende Mai 12 Weekend with appropriate celebrations.

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