



## 2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 35

April 25, 2025 - Introduced by Senators RATCLIFF, PFAFF, ROYS, LARSON, WIRCH, DRAKE, HESSELBEIN, KEYESKI and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives UDELL, JOHNSON, SINICKI, STUBBS, ROE, EMERSON, BROWN, PHELPS, O'CONNOR, ARNEY, SUBECK, BARE, J. JACOBSON, FITZGERALD, JOERS, DESMIDT and CLANCY. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1     **Relating to:** proclaiming May 16, 17, and 18, 2025, 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     culture 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  
9     anniversary of the 1814 signing of the Norwegian Constitution, which declared  
10    Norway’s independence from Denmark; and

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

13            Whereas, Norwegian culture can be found throughout Wisconsin in the

1 cuisine of lutefisk and lefse, in the art of rosemaling, and in the presence of carved  
2 wooden trolls; and

3 Whereas, Wisconsin communities such as Westby, Stoughton, Blair, Mount  
4 Horeb, and Woodville will celebrate Syttende Mai in many ways, including parades,  
5 Norwegian displays, Norwegian street music and dancers, Syttende Mai King and  
6 Queen presentations, Syttende Mai runs, special museum tours, choral concerts,  
7 church services, and Norwegian drama; and

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

10 ***Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That*** the Wisconsin  
11 Legislature proclaims the weekend of May 16, 17, and 18, 2025, Syttende Mai  
12 Weekend in the state of Wisconsin and declares that all residents of this state are  
13 honorary Norwegians for that weekend and urged to observe the Syttende Mai  
14 Weekend with appropriate celebrations.

15 (END)