

SENATE RESOLUTION
8649

By Senators Kohl-Welles, Pedersen, Fraser, Billig, Parlette, Padden, Hewitt, Becker, Hill, Keiser, Hatfield, Hasegawa, Conway, Ericksen, Pearson, Dammeier, Frockt, O'Ban, Warnick, Brown, Nelson, Braun, Dansel, Rolfes, Liias, Jayapal, and Roach

1 WHEREAS, People of all ethnic and cultural heritage live in
2 Washington State, sharing their traditions, histories, and cultures
3 with the citizens of our state; and
4 WHEREAS, The State of Washington recognizes the great cultural
5 contributions made by the many generations and individuals of
6 Norwegian descent residing in our state, particularly in Ballard; and
7 WHEREAS, Since 1889, the greater Seattle area and beyond have
8 joined in celebrating Norway's Constitution Day on the 17th of May by
9 hosting a 17th of May, or "Syttende Mai," Festival and parade in
10 Ballard to honor the day in 1814 when Norway declared its
11 independence by signing its constitution, making this the 126th
12 anniversary of the Festival; and
13 WHEREAS, The Ballard 17th of May parade is one of the largest
14 ethnic parades in the United States, and the largest 17th of May
15 parade outside of Oslo, Norway; and
16 WHEREAS, On the 17th of May the Ballard community will join
17 together to participate in a wide range of cultural festivities and
18 events in celebration of all that is Norwegian;
19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate
20 honor Norway's Constitution Day, May 17, 2015, and encourage all
21 citizens of Washington State to join in celebrating the culture and
22 heritage of Norway.

23 I, Hunter G. Goodman, Secretary of the Senate,
24 do hereby certify that this is a true and
25 correct copy of Senate Resolution 8649,
26 adopted by the Senate
27 March 30, 2015

28 HUNTER G. GOODMAN
29 Secretary of the Senate