

## 2013-J4588

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Norwegian-American 17th of May Committee of Greater New York upon the occasion of their 63rd Annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade on Sunday, May 18, 2014

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend events which symbolize the historical, social, and cultural development of this great State and embody the spirit of the principles upon which this Nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the Norwegian-American 17th of May Committee of Greater New York, Inc. as they host the 63rd Annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade, in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday, May 18, 2014, in accordance with the commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the signing of Norway's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Bay Ridge is host to the Norwegian Constitution Day Parade along Fifth Avenue, and in accordance with their tradition of annual themes, Norwegian-American 17th of May Committee has authored the 2014 theme to be "200 Years of Democracy"; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 63rd Anniversary of the Norwegian Constitution Day Parade, a parade which continues to attract more and more spectators along the parade route, and has become one of New York City's most notable attractions in the month of May; and

WHEREAS, The parade will include musical and marching bands, dancers and entertainment of all kinds, in special celebration of culture for Brooklyn, for New York City and for the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, The parade provides an opportunity for a grand celebration of Norwegian heritage, which features guest appearances by the annual winner of the Miss Norway contest and the Consul General's Office of

Norway; and

WHEREAS, The treasured values of families united and wholesome entertainment for all ages reflected in this event help to foster community spirit and cooperation, as well as to preserve the beliefs, ideals, and values for which our forefathers declared the independence of these United States; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Norwegian-American 17th of May Committee of Greater New York upon the occasion of their 63rd Annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade on Sunday, May 18, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Norwegian-American 17th of May Committee of Greater New York.