

## 2017-J1318

Senate Resolution No. 1318

BY: Senator GOLDEN

COMMENDING the Norwegian-American 17th of May Committee of Greater New York upon the occasion of hosting its 65th Annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade on May 21, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and acclaim 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 commend the Norwegian-American 17th of May Committee of Greater New York upon the occasion of hosting its 65th Annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade to be celebrated on Sunday, May 21, 2017, in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, New York, in conjunction with the commemoration of the 203rd Anniversary of the signing of Norway's Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Each year, Bay Ridge is host to the Norwegian Constitution Day Parade which marches down Fifth Avenue, and in accordance with their tradition of annual themes, Norwegian-American 17th of May Committee has authored the 2017 theme to be "Journeying Through 65 years"; and

WHEREAS, This year marks the 65th Anniversary of the Norwegian

Constitution Day Parade, a parade which continues to attract more and more spectators along its 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 gives people the opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones, and allows the diverse community to celebrate with those of Norwegian descent; 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 hosting its 65th Annual Norwegian Constitution Day Parade on Sunday, May 21, 2017; 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.