

SENATE RESOLUTION  
8663

By Senators Haugen, Kline, Pridemore, McAuliffe, Doumit, Franklin, Spanel, Kastama, Keiser, Kohl-Welles, Rockefeller, Jacobsen, Eide, Prentice, Fairley, Berkey, Shin, Fraser and Regala

WHEREAS, The year 2005 marks the 100th anniversary of Norway's independence as a sovereign nation after a peaceful dissolution from Sweden; and

WHEREAS, There are more people of Norwegian descent living in the United States than in Norway itself; and

WHEREAS, Generations of Norwegian-Americans have contributed to the well-being of all Washingtonians; and

WHEREAS, Washington recognizes the value of the customs, traditions, and heritage of all the ethnic groups inhabiting the state; and

WHEREAS, The culture and music of Norway have been celebrated since the first Norwegian immigrants set foot on American soil; and

WHEREAS, Male chorus singing has played an important part on the Pacific Coast of the United States since 1878 when the first Norwegian male chorus was established in Portland, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Numerous Norwegian immigrants have settled in Skagit Valley since 1847; and

WHEREAS, Singers from all twelve Norwegian male choruses on the Pacific Coast will gather for the annual song festival known as Sangerfest; and

WHEREAS, The Skagit Valley Mannskor is hosting the 96th Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association's Sangerfest; and

WHEREAS, The Sangerfest Grand Concert will be held Friday, July 1, 2005, in the McIntyre Hall of the Skagit Valley Community College in Mt. Vernon;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Senate honor Norwegian Musical Heritage Day in the state of Washington, July 1, 2005, and encourage all citizens to honor the musical contributions of our citizens of Norwegian heritage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Norwegian Singers Association.

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate,  
do hereby certify that this is a true and  
correct copy of Senate Resolution 8663,  
adopted by the Senate  
March 28, 2005

THOMAS HOEMANN  
Secretary of the Senate