



Proclamation

Norwegian Constitution Day

Whereas, each year Norwegian American communities observe and celebrate May 17 as Norwegian Constitution Day; and

Whereas, this annual event commemorates the signing of Norway's constitution, which was a guarantee of the many freedoms for which Norway is justly proud; and

Whereas, the Norwegian Constitution, which was modeled after those of the United States and France and signed at Eidsvoll, Norway, May 17, 1814, is now embarking on its third century of democracy; and

Whereas, here in our own great nation, the United States of America, Norwegian Americans and all people from all nations have the freedom to speak, assemble and honor their heritage without fear of reprisal; and

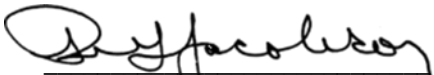
Whereas, this area's Sons of Norway Lodge, which is conducting a flag raising in Post Falls for the 19th consecutive year and which reached 109 years itself a few months ago, having been chartered in Coeur d' Alene January 10, 1910; and

Whereas, this lodge is the only one in North Idaho, met in Post Falls for over a decade, and planted a Norway Maple here in Falls Park several years ago as a thank you for the freedom to raise the Norwegian flag here; and

Whereas, this organization's purpose is "to promote and preserve Norwegian heritage and culture," which they do in part by annually providing a display at the Lakes Middle School Multicultural Fair and by offering in February the only known lutefisk dinner in Kootenai County,

Now, therefore, I, Councilor Kerri Thoreson representing Mayor Ronald Jacobson, do recognize these various heritage milestones and do hereby proclaim May 17, 2019 as "Syttende Mai" in Post Falls, Idaho.

Dated this 17th of May, 2019.



Mayor City of Post Falls