Proclamation

Whereas Stoughton, Wisconsin, was incorporated as a village in 1868, and as a fourth class city in 1882; and

Whereas there was an influx of Norwegian immigrants in the area in the 1870s and 1880s because of the inauspicious conditions prevailing in their native country, the wonderful farm land in southeastern Wisconsin, and the jobs provided by the ever-expanding wagon factory; and

Whereas, since 1868, there have been periodic celebrations held in the city acknowledging the signing of the Norwegian constitution; and

Whereas, in 1939, there occurred the largest celebration of the signing of the Norwegian constitution in the city's history; and

Whereas, in 1952, members of the Chamber of Commerce endorsed a small celebration to begin the revival of Syttende Mai in Stoughton; and

Whereas the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce organized the celebration in 1953 and has continued to do so ever since; now

Therefore the people of Stoughton, Wisconsin, welcome all our friends and neighbors, from far and wide, to our celebration of the signing of the Norwegian Constitution.

VELKOMMEN TIL SYTTENDE MAI !

May 14, 15 & 16, 2021

In testimony whereof, I, Tim Swadley, Mayor of the City of Stoughton, hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Stoughton to be affixed this twenty first day of April in the year two thousand and twenty one.

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Mayor Tim Swadley