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Syttende Mai Festivities May Be Canceled but the Norwegian Spirit Stays Strong

(Sun Prairie) – Unfortunately, Stoughton’s Syttende Mai festival has been canceled for 2020 due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Rep. Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie), the State Representative for the Stoughton area, released the following statement:

“The City of Stoughton has celebrated Syttende Mai for sixty-six straight years,” Hebl said.
“Unfortunately, due to forces outside of everyone’s control, this year the celebration will not take place as planned. I am sad that we will not get to celebrate this year.”

The Stoughton Syttende Mai festival is the largest such festival in the United States and is second worldwide only to Oslo’s celebration.

“I was looking forward to the wonderful traditions that come along with Stoughton’s Syttende Mai festival, such as the famed Stoughton Norwegian Dancers, the Viking Strongman Competition, the Stoughton Village Players, and much more. Instead of enjoying all of the fantastic Norwegian heritage Stoughton has to offer, we will have to all enjoy our lutefisk at home this year. I look forward to enjoying the festivities in 2021.”

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