

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation of National Maritime Day

WHEREAS, the first successful ocean passage by a steam-propelled vessel was made by the Savannah, which departed from Savannah, Georgia, May 22, 1819; and

WHEREAS, this achievement was an outstanding event which opened new possibilities for trade and closer relations between all peoples of the world; and

WHEREAS, seamen of the United States Merchant Marine displayed the highest qualities of courage and loyal service in meeting the tremendous supply demands of our armed forces in bringing victory; and

WHEREAS, the Merchant Marine is vital to the welfare of our nation in peace, as well as in war, and Congress has designated May 22 of each year as National Maritime Day; now

THEREFORE, I, LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby call upon all citizens to observe May 22, 1947, as

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

by appropriate civic programs and display of the flag, in keeping with the theme, "For Trade - Travel - Defense; the American Merchant Marine."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in St. Paul this first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven and of the State the ninetieth.

Luther W. Youngdahl
GOVERNOR

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