

STATE OF MINNESOTA
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Walter P. Reuther
Secretary of State

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Proclamation of National Maritime Day

WHEREAS, the welfare of the American Maritime Service is of the utmost importance to our relations with other nations, our national economy and our national defense; and

WHEREAS, the first successful ocean voyage by a steam-propelled vessel was made by the Savannah, which departed from Savannah, Georgia, on May 17, 1793; and

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

WHEREAS, heroes of the United States Merchant Marine displayed the highest qualities of courage and loyalty in ending the two longest decades of our naval history and bringing victory in the recent war; and

WHEREAS, the Congress by Public Resolution 7, 71st Congress, approved May 23, 1929, has requested that May 20 be annually observed as National Maritime Day;

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AND, WHEREAS, I, *Walter P. Reuther*, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 20, 1948 as

"National Maritime Day"

and call upon all citizens to observe the day by an observance program and display of the flag, in keeping with the theme, "For Trade-Travel-Defense the American Merchant Marine."

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It is my wish, I have hereto set by law and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol in St. Paul this twentieth day of our Lord one thousand nine hundred forty-eight and of the State the ninety-first.

Walter P. Reuther
Governor

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