

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

A Proclamation for "National Maritime Day"

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

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

WHEREAS, this achievement was an historic 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 loyalty in meeting the tremendous demands of our armed forces and bringing victory in the recent war; and

WHEREAS, the Congress by Public Resolution 7, 73rd Congress, approved May 20, 1925, has requested that May 22 be annually observed as National Maritime Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES W. THORNBALL, Governor of the State of Minnesota do hereby proclaim May 22, 1943 as

"NATIONAL MARITIME DAY"

and call upon all citizens to observe the day by appropriate civic programs and display of the American flag.

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 this eleventh day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty and of the state, the ninety-second.

Lucretia W. Youngdahl
SECRETARY

ATTEST:

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