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STATE OF MINNESOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Miner Soler
Secretary of State

WHEREAS, the American Merchant Marine makes a vital contribution to the economy and security of our Nation in time of peace and war; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay honor to the men and women of the American Merchant Marine for the services they perform through operating the leading Merchant Navy of the world; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States, by joint resolution, has designated May 22 as National Maritime Day to give recognition to the essential role of the Merchant Marine by commemorating the anniversary of the first successful transatlantic voyage under steam propulsion, made by the steamship Savannah, which departed from Savannah, Georgia, on May 22, 1819;

I, THOMAS W. LUTHER W. THUNDERBOLT, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 22, 1951, as

"NATIONAL MARITIME DAY"

in tribute to our American Merchant Marine and the part it plays in meeting the needs of trade, travel and defense.

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this eighteenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred fifty-one and of the state, the ninety-fourth.

Luther W. Thunderbolt
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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Miner Soler
SECRETARY OF STATE