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Joseph L. Donovan
Secretary of State

A RESOLUTION FOR "NATIONAL MARITIME DAY"

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 service 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Orville L. Freeman, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 22, 1959 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.

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 twenty-third of March in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-nine and of the state, the one hundred first.

Orville L. Freeman
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE