

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, The American Merchant Marine is a major factor in maintaining the economy of the Nation through serving the peacetime commerce of the United States, and
- WHEREAS, American-flag shipping is essential to the defense of this and other nations of the free world, and
- WHEREAS, American merchant ships and the men who sail them implement our national policy of providing food and supplies to the nations of the world, and
- WHEREAS, The world's first nuclear-powered merchant ship, the U. S. Savannah, will put to sea this year, demonstrating for all peoples the intention of this nation to use atomic power for peaceful purposes,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elmer L. Andersen, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 22, 1961, as

NATIONAL MARITIME DAY

and urge the people of this state to honor and pay tribute to the Merchant Marine by displaying the flag of the United States at their home or other suitable places; and I direct the appropriate officials of the Government to arrange for the display of the flag on all Government buildings on that day.

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-fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-one and of the state, the one hundred third.

Elmer L. Andersen
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Donovan
SECRETARY OF STATE

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