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Secretary of State

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In war and peace merchant ships and merchant seamen have served us well, and
WHEREAS, we must be very mindful of the state of our merchant fleet. A balanced, economical, and efficient merchant fleet, manned by well-trained and skilled seamen is a vital national resource, and
WHEREAS, that the American people might be constantly reminded of the importance of the merchant marine in our national life, the Congress in 1933 designated May 22 of each year as National Maritime Day and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually calling for the observance of that day. On that day in 1819 the SS Savannah set forth for the first transoceanic voyage of any steamship,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Karl F. Polvang, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim May 22, 1965, as

"NATIONAL MARITIME DAY"

In Minnesota, and urge all Minnesotans to honor our American Merchant Marine 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 fifth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five and of the State, the one hundred seventh.

Karl F. Polvay
GOVERNOR

Joseph L. Johnson
SECRETARY OF STATE